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Sunday Morning Schedule

Every Sunday

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship
(In-person, and
Live Stream)

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 Choir Practice

February 22

Ash Wednesday

11-1 & 4-6

Drive-Thru Ashes

February 28

10:30am—11:30am
Alamance Co. Public
Libraries Mobile Unit
Church Parking Lot

March 14

7:00pm Session Meeting

April 1

Community Easter
Egg Hunt

Holy Week

April 2 Palm Sunday

April 3-9 Holy Week

Stations of the Cross

April 6

Maunder Thursday
6:00pm Dinner Church

April 7 Good Friday

April 9 Easter Sunday

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Friends,

It's been about a year since we rolled out our new Newsletter format. Let me know what you think of it – especially if you have any comments about it.

We are entering into our second Lenten season together and I'm really excited about all the things we have going on! While a lot of things are still in the planning stages, below is an annotated preview of the Lenten season into Easter. Please invite your friends and family to join us this season!

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday

We had a successful second experience of Drive Thru Ashes this year, with many members and people from the wider community joining us for the start of this season.

February 26th - March 26th – Lenten Worship

Our Lenten Sunday worship will include periods of silent prayer and meditation over parts of The Lord's Prayer and a time of silent prayer for one another.

April 1st – Community Easter Egg Hunt

We're bringing back an old favorite of ours – our Easter Egg hunt! Kids of all ages are welcome to participate in this fun family event in our Recreation Area.

April 2nd – Palm Sunday Service

Our service will include a Cantata sung by the choir and Communion

April 3rd – 9th – Holy Week Stations of the Cross

We are excited to offer our Recreation Area as a space for the community to engage in prayerful reflection during Holy Week using the ancient practice of Stations of the Cross. We will utilize an ecumenical version incorporating 15 stations (including a final station for the Resurrection) developed by the Iona Community.

April 6th – Maundy Thursday Dinner Church – 6:30pm

Come and join us for Dinner Church, our service incorporating a meal with liturgy around the table as we commemorate the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. Invite your friends!

April 7th – Good Friday Seven Last Words – 6:30pm

We will hold a service of prayer and reflection on the Seven Last Words. Please note that there will be extended periods of silence and a darkened sanctuary during this service.

April 9th – Easter Sunday

Our Easter celebration – come and celebrate the resurrection with us!

May this Lenten season be a blessing for us all, as we prepare to once again celebrate the new life given to us all in Christ.

You all are such a blessing to our wider community and I am grateful to serve you as your pastor.

Peace be with you this season and beyond,

Jon

COLLECTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

COATS/JACKETS & SHOES

Just a reminder that this Sunday, February 26th will be the last day for this round of collecting coats/jackets and shoes

We are collecting gently used or new Coats or Jackets, and gently worn or new shoes. These are for a group of developmentally & physically disabled adults who attend Alamance Community College. A lot of these adults are living in group homes and don't always have support from a family.



Adult Coats – Sizes Small – 3XL

Adult Shoes – Any size



PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

We are collecting any personal hygiene items that would be of use to a group of Middle School Students. Items can be new or partially used bottles or boxes. Sample sizes are fine.

Items requested are:

Shampoo & Conditioner (Regular & Ethnic)

Body Wash or Soap / Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Deodorant / Feminine Hygiene products & Feminine wipes

COLLECTION BOXES ARE LABELED AND ARE IN THE HALLWAY



TRANSITION updates

Your Transition

We have been meeting nearly every week for a couple of months now doing the necessary work of preparing and discernment as we gather what we will need to write our Mission Study. We've been working through demographic information for our congregation and the wider community. We led the church in a series of questions during Brunch Church that we have organized into possible future actions in an exercise known as "asset mapping." We've begun to look at our history by the creation of a history timeline that we will introduce to you all and invite you all to participate in during Lent. We've had frank discussions about where we are at. If you're interested in learning more about our work, we post all of our notes on large paper in the hallway to the kitchen and I invite you to keep up with what we're doing. We'll also start giving regular updates, as we've been regularly updating Session with our progress.

Please feel free to reach out to any of us if you have any questions or comments that might be helpful for us. And please keep us and our congregation in your prayer.

A.J. Campbell

Brenda Sykes

Morgan Troxler

Shelby Smith

Tina Patterson

Jon Phillips

P.S. – here is more on what a history timeline is:

The development of a timeline can help us see connections that might not otherwise be apparent. The combination of our stories (which you are invited to add to); what was happening in our church, wider community, nation, and world; and who the pastor was at the time helps us further tell our story. We hope that you will join us in working on this project together, as understanding our heritage is a key part of our work as the Transition Team. Your memories and stories of Bethany are important to us!





February 26th	Matthew 18:15-35
March 5th	Matthew 20:1-16
March 12th	Matthew 22:1-14
March 19th	Matthew 25:1-13
March 26th	Matthew 25:31-46
April 2nd	Matthew 21:1-17

Join us as we come back to worship in person and we will also continue to Live Stream.

LIVE STREAM

Check our website to access streaming (www.bethanypreschurch.org).

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian



Elders of the Month

- March** Donna Mitchell-Ayers & Nancy Purcell
- April** Randy Cousins & Kim Snyder
- May** Karen Maxwell & Chip Allen



What's Happening in Scouting

The following are upcoming events for Scout Troop 9:

March 11th Pinewood Derby

March 26th Eagle Court of Honor

Pack 9 and Troop 9 Scouts, Graham, celebrate Scout Sunday

Times-News staff

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GRAHAM — Scouts from Pack 9 and Troop 9 attended Bethany Presbyterian Church to celebrate Scout Sunday, a time for all Scouts and their families to demonstrate and practice the 12th point of the Scout law, being reverent. Many of the Scouts were given the opportunity to read a passage or message during the service, which helped them with public speaking. Their messages made the Scouts think about their conduct, beliefs and life direction.



Pack 9 and Troop 9 Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Graham. Jeff Benes

Pack 9 Scouts, Alamance County, hold blue and gold banquet, celebrating Scouting birthday

Times-News staff

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GRAHAM — Scouts from Pack 9 celebrated the 113th birthday of Scouting with a blue and gold banquet, enjoying plenty of good food.

The Scouting program was started Feb 8, 1910, in England by Lord Baden Powell. Every year Scouts celebrate the birthday, followed by Scout Sunday.



Pack 9 Scouts enjoyed a blue and gold banquet with a birthday cake celebrating 113 years of the Scouting program. Jeff Benes

During this year's banquet, Pack 9 Scouts recognized six Webelos (which stands for "WE'll BE LOYal Scouts") who earned their Arrow of Light award and bridged up to the Scouting BSA program.



Pack 9 Scouts celebrated the birthday of Scouting with a blue and gold banquet. Posting of the colors was done for the Arrow of Light ceremony. Jeff Benes

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About our Offering

You are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways:

- drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship);
- mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person;
- or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on this page.

Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

If you have any questions concerning our finances or your giving, please feel free to contact Pam Hurt, our bookkeeper, or Glenn Patterson, our treasurer.

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Elders:

Chip Allen
Randy Cousins (Clerk of Session)
Karen Maxwell
Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Tina Patterson
Nancy Purcell
Shelby Smith
Kim Snyder
Tracey Troxler

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church



Thursday, April 6th
6:00 pm

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