

News From Green Street

Green Street Presbyterian Church

To Worship, To Learn, To Serve

March and April, 2014

Beginning this month, the News From Green Street will be sent in two month increments. This edition is for March and April, 2014.

Having spent my growing up years in Buffalo, New York never knowing what the uncertain winter weather patterns would bring, I for one have certainly been grateful for the winter months we have experienced this year in the pleasant confines of the Morgantown area. (Having made that pleasant observation all of us good southern folks could probably expect five feet of snow within the next several

weeks. Not really. I was just sending off some bad humor.)

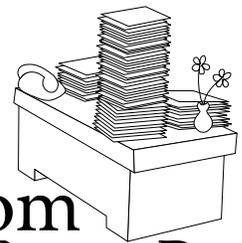
But in reality, Buffalo winters were not really a lot of fun for anyone except the young people and children who loved nailing unsuspecting targets with a well directed snow ball and building snow forts, snow men and tracking tons of snow into their homes in spite of mothers constant wail against that seasonal practice.

One of the great truths that came to me during the days of my youth was that we live in a world of uncertainties. Not everything works out the way we plan it or want it to go. For instance, we can plan for the future and hope that our plans become reality. But the older we get and the more life experiences that we can look back upon, the more vividly it comes to us that we cannot make plans that will definitely and always become reality for us. For example, many years ago a truly wonderful young couple were planning on getting married. Everyone was happy and excited for the couple, but just before the great event of their wedding, one of the young couple tragically died. All their plans, dreams and hopes were shattered in a moment. No one could heal the sorrow of so many people because of the tragedy. Families had high hopes for two wonderful young people, but expectant joy was replaced with uncontrollable sorrow for ever so many family and loved ones.

Even using examples like the story of the tragic ending to two peoples ultimate joy, seem out of place because our minds and hearts just don't want to embrace such sorrow. But if we were to stop and look upon the lives of family and loved ones and special friends who looked joyfully to an unfilled future, a future that became not "joyful" but rather "frightfully sorrowful." What does that do to our own "World View?"

I feel that it throws the spotlight of reality upon all of our lives. We plan, we hope, we desire nothing but good and great things in our lives. But, do we ever pause long enough to think of the "unimaginable" breaking into our well planned lives? Well, it does, and if we haven't built a solid foundation of hope and trust in the one God sent into the world to be uniquely "ours," then we have left ourselves unprepared for the unexpected, unwanted, trials and tribulations that break into our lives.

I know many people who are convinced that all of life just falls into place for us. Life isn't that easy and one thing I know to be absolutely true. If we have no place in our lives right now, it is truly a fact of life for all of us that when God lets the curtain fall on history as we know it, if there is no place for Christ and God now, there will be no place for us in His Heaven!



From
the Pastors Desk



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 13	11:00 AM
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 17	7:00 PM
<i>Good Friday</i>	April 18	7:00 PM
<i>Easter</i>	April 20	11:00 AM



***Souperbowl of Caring
for
Burke United Christian Ministries
Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry***

Green Street raised \$ 109.32 for the Souperbowl of Caring. The Nickel-A-Meal program will match out giving 50 cents on the dollar which equals \$ 54.50 for a total of \$ **163.82** for Burke United Christian Ministries.

***New Wilmington Missionary
Conference
July 19 - 26***

Micah 6:8

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with
your God.*

Registration and Health Forms are now available. Students wishing to work in the dining hall to reduce the cost of attending conference by half need to get their registration forms in immediately. There are 90 working positions available and they will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

All registrations for NWMC must be handed into Marla Patchel no later than May 31. Payment for conference must be received by July 1.

The students attending conference this year will be responsible for raising their own funds to pay for registration and a portion of the transportation costs. The congregation is asked to help support the students who request assistance in their endeavors.



Women's Soup-A-Thon

The soup-a-thon which was held on February 8 raised \$ **278.00** to help with the current operating budget here at Green Street. The soups available that day were, Potato Soup, Chicken and Noodle, Vegetable, Light Vegetable Beef and several others. A big thanks you to the women who made the soup and to all who came to help serve and make the event a truly enjoyable experience.

A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel.

Women of Faith

History of Green Street

The Women of Faith have elected to meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. for their regularly scheduled meetings. Each meeting will include a time of study, fellowship and a brief discussion of current business. All women, high school age and above are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Car pooling arrangements are being made by Jackie Scott to further encourage our women to fellowship together. Please consider participating in car pooling. If you would consider being a driver, let Jackie know you willing to drive if needed. Jackie Scott can be reached at 437-8662.

The women have selected to write the History of the Green Street Presbyterian Church. A committee has been formed and research is underway. If you have old pictures or memorabilia of Green Street, please consider sharing this information with the History Committee. If you would like to assist with this project, please let this be known. This is a Green Street project and all are welcome to participate. The contact person for the history is Margaret Thomas and she can be reached at 437-1643.

The Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women will be held on April 5 in Cherryville.

***Green Street Presbyterian Church
Website***

A website is under production for Green Street. The site is being produced in a way that will allow it to have weekly updates and posting to remain current. Keep watching. We will let you know when it goes "live."

Mark Your Calendars!!



- April 20: Easter
- May 9: Relay for Life - Freedom HS
- June 15: Gideons
- July 19 - 26: NWMC
- July 21-25: VBS
- August 31: Homecoming
- September 14: Men's Day
- September 28: Worship in The Park
- October 12: Women's Day

***Congregational Meeting
Sunday: March 9 - 12:05 P.M.
In the Sanctuary***

A congregational meeting has been called for March 9 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Give an update on the status of the church.
2. Request input into church Logo Design.
3. Request input for Website
4. Vote on session recommendations.

The new Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church, USA, which was adopted in 2011, has changed much of the way the church is governed. In the old Book of Order (BOO) it was clearly defined how the church would conduct its business. The new BOO requires individual congregations to set their own rules on how business is to be conducted.

On October 21, 2012, the congregation took the first action as required by the BOO. The congregation voted set the size of the "quorum" for congregational meetings to be 20% of Active Membership.

Three more actions must be taken by the congregation. The session makes the recommendation to maintain the rules as they were in the old BOO:

A. Determine the period of minimum notice for a congregational meeting (G-1.0502)

Recommendation: Public notice of the meeting shall be given on two successive Sundays. The meeting may be convened following the notice given on the second Sunday.

The business to be transacted shall be limited to items specifically listed in the call for the meeting.

B. Determine whether the congregation wishes to adopt Robert's Rules as parliamentary authority.

Recommendation: All meetings of the congregation shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

C. Determine the size and composition of the congregational nominating committee (G-2.0401)

Recommendation: To elect a small church nominating committee which shall consist of one member of the session, appointed by the session to be the moderator, and at least two members of the congregation not in active service on the session.

Burke County Relay for Life



***Day Light
Savings Time
March 9***

***Spring
Forward***

***March 9
Freedom High School***

Green Street will once again be sponsoring a team for the annual Relay for Life which will be held at Freedom High School. We are looking for team members willing to walk and people who will sponsor a walker for this important cause. Relay for Life contributes to doctors and hospitals who treat cancer patients and their families. Please let Marla Patchel know if you are willing to walk or sponsor a walker. Please watch the weekly worship bulletins for more information.



***Easter Celebration
Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt
April 19 - 12:00 P.M.***

The Christian Education Committee has planned an Easter Celebration for the children in elementary school and younger. The event will include a lunch, games, an Easter story and an Easter Egg Hunt. Middle School and High School students are asked to volunteer to assist with this event, their help will be needed for the activities and to assist the youngest children with the egg hunt.

The CE committee will be asking for volunteers to provide Easter Eggs and to help with the lunch.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

Our next song is "Angels We Have Heard Get High."

One Great Hour of Sharing

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” —2 Corinthians 9:8



This year as we move into Lent and also prepare for One Great Hour of Sharing, I can't help but be grateful for the ministries made possible by this church wide special offering. From Detroit to Darfur, from Louisiana to Libya, those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry. Our hearts are full of compassion, but our ears are full of whatever is on the mind of the media this week. In this environment, it becomes incredibly easy to forget the pain of those in trouble spots around the world like Haiti, New Zealand, and Pakistan, and all the other places where poverty, disaster, and war cause displacement and suffering.

This is to remind you that this is why we at Green Street Presbyterian Church give to One Great Hour of Sharing. This one time a year when we give our gifts, we know that staff in the three One Great Hour of Sharing programs will be listening to the cries of our sisters and brothers throughout the next year. And they will be responding for us in Christ's name to those cries. To new emergencies they will respond as they have in Haiti, immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, they will stay there long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere stay there and help rebuild lives and communities on a firmer foundation.

Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters— these are all ways that One Great Hour of Sharing is changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world. We'll read about examples of this in bulletin inserts during Lent. The contributions go to the denominational headquarters in Louisville, KY and are divided as follows:

Hunger Programs
Self Development of People
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

***All Elders Meeting
March 30 - 12:15
Fellowship Hall***

2013 - A Year in Review List of Accomplishments

Participated in the following Special: Nickel-A-Meal, Souperbowl of Caring, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Gideons, Christmas Joy.

Rental Properties 427 and 429 have passed housing requirements and currently have tenants.

Maintain a list of all current Equipment and Appliances in church and rental properties. The list includes Brand and Serial Numbers as well as purchase date, if known.

Participated with Gaston Chapel AME Church for Vacation Bible School.

Maintained the GED program at Green Street with four students graduating with their diplomas.

Four members from Green Street attended quarterly gatherings of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's "Small Church Forums."

The children in Jr. Church are studying the Shorter catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Green Street sponsored a team in the Relay for Life and raised \$ 1,253.00 to fight cancer.

Five youth and young adults, five adults and three children attended the New Wilmington Missionary Conference in August.

Eight women of the church attended the Women of Faith Conference in Charlotte in October.

Power washed the parking lot and painted new lines and repaired and painted the parking stops.

Power washed the exterior of the church and cleaned up the outside premises.

Secured \$1500.00 in grants for the Computer Lab and GED program, and received a donation of five refurbished desktop computers for the Computer Lab.

Sold the 22 year old van.

The congregation voted to sell the house and property at 429 N. Green Street.

The women who attended the Women of Faith Conference in Charlotte successfully hosted the Womenn of Faith Christmas Simulcast in December.