

Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Newsletter—June 2024



A Time for Everything

June marks the beginning of a new season for the church. By mid-June we will have celebrated Pentecost (this year on May 19th), wrapping up the season of Eastertide. The school year ends, summer vacations begin, temperatures climb.... In many churches, June marks a downturn in Sunday morning worship attendance and a related decrease in giving. I'm curious to see what happens in summer at Edgewood. Will we fall into the standard summer slump? Or will we keep going at our regular pace, little affected by the school year?

After Pentecost, the liturgical year of the church transitions to "Ordinary Time," not to be confused with the synonyms *boring, routine, garden-variety, unremarkable, unimportant, mediocre*, for every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection and our life in Christ. Rather, "ordinary" is related to its Latin root meaning numbered or ruled, as in ordinal numbers. "Ordinary Time is basically 'counted time,'" an "in-between season," falling between Easter and Advent. During this time, the lectionary focuses on Jesus – not the highlights of birth, baptism, death, or resurrection – but on his ministry and his relationships. This year, the lectionary highlights the Gospel of Mark and his telling of Jesus' story. Ordinary time is also when we seek to grow and mature in our lives of faith, as disciples and friends of Jesus. The liturgical color becomes green to celebrate this season of growth and life.

As Ecclesiastes and The Byrds remind us, there is a time, a season for everything. *Turn, turn, turn...* We can't always celebrate and rejoice, for mourning is a part of life too. We can't harvest if we don't also take the time to plant. As one who sews, there is certainly a time to tear, to remove stitches and try again, though the writer of

Ecclesiastes was probably thinking less of "resewing" after using a seam ripper and more of "sew" as joining pieces together, especially since it follows "a time to tear," to separate.

Through Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Eastertide, we celebrate Jesus' highlight reel. So, Ordinary Time is a season for everything else that sustains and nurtures us. And, yes, that includes vacations! Though, of course, as your pastor, I encourage you to make time for worship this summer!

I hope and pray that this season of Ordinary Time will allow you to slow down, rest, breathe, renew, and grow. I also hope and pray that this season may be a time of renewal and growth for this congregation, this community of faith, gathered by God's providence, nurtured by God's Word in Jesus Christ, and sustained by the Spirit.

In faith, hope, & love,

Sara



Pastor's Office Hours

Sunday
Monday–Wednesday mornings
Saturday (various times)

Away for Continuing Education 6/24–6/30

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¹ Kathleen Long Bogstrom, "'Ordinary Time' is extra-ordinary" in *Presbyterians Today*, 7/30/2020. www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0720-liturgical/ Accessed 5/27/24.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April TOTALS

Receipts	\$5,800
Expenses	\$10,696
Special Offerings:	
Two-Cents-A-Meal	\$ 64
Family Promise	\$ 164
One Great Hour	\$ 217

Special Offering

June 2, 2024

First Sunday Offering
CUOC BackPack Pals



On May 12, 2024, our dear friend Janet McNeill went home to be with her Lord. The loss is great for us, but *her gain is unimaginable* to be with the Lord and family who preceded her in death.



*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed and very dear!*

You'er in our
Prayers

Prayer Family of the Week

June 2	Harold & Helen Weathers
9	Jonathan & Maggie Wester & Kylie
16	Jimmy and Jeannie Williams & Family
23	Stephen and Kathie Womack

Head Usher for June
Jean McSwain

In This Together
Bible Study

The last lesson in this series will be presented on Tuesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, June 5 at 11 a.m.



*To all who are
celebrating
Birthdays
this month!*

Schedule of June Activities

Wednesday, June 12—Friday, June 14 Vacation Bible School

6:00—8:00 p.m. each night

Sunday, June 16—Fathers' Day

Sunday, June 30 - Glory to God Sunday & Hymnal Dedication

June Sermon Topics:

6/2/24	“Sabbath Keeping”	Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-3:6
6/9/24	“Family Matters”	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
6/16/24	“Planted”	Ezekiel 17:22-24; Mark 4:26-34
6/23/24	“Amid the Chaos”	Job 38:1-11; Mark 4:35-41
6/30/24	<i>Glory to God Sunday</i>	Psalms 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
7/7/24	“Rejection”	Ezekiel 2:1-5; Mark 6:1-13 Communion will be celebrated.

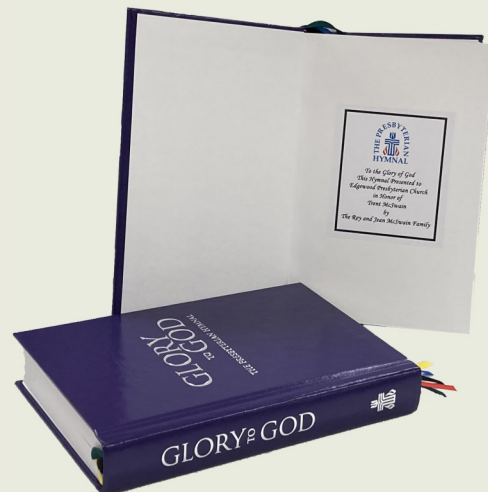
Volunteer scripture readers are welcomed!

Worship Committee

Glory to God Sunday & Hymnal Dedication

On Sunday, June 30, we will have the dedication of our new ***Glory to God*** hymnals. Our worship service will consist of a “Hymn Sing”. This will be a wonderful day! So, bring your best voice and join in the celebration!

Teresa Mangum, Chair



Fellowship Committee



Cupcakes on the Lawn
May 19, 2024



Future Events

August 3 -
Ice Cream Social



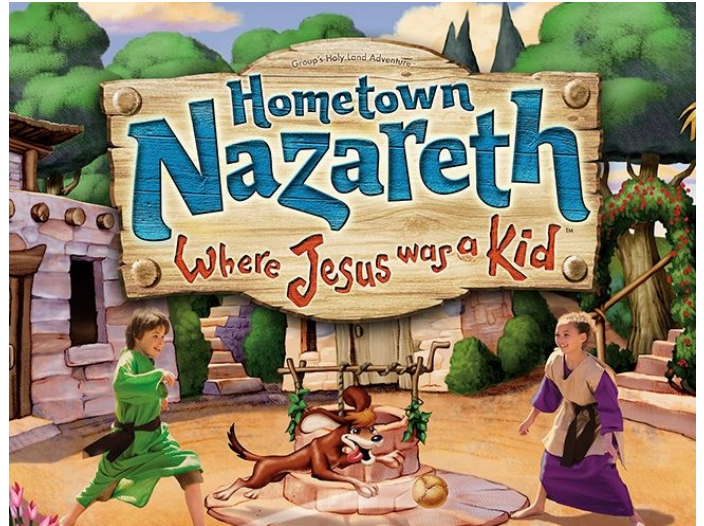
September 14 -
Church Picnic



November 17 -
Thanksgiving Luncheon



Christian Education Committee



Vacation Bible School will be held 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 12, 13 and 14. The study for the under 18 crowd will be "Hometown Nazareth" held in the fellowship hall. Rev. Sara Martin will hold a Bible Study for adults in the sanctuary. Everyone will attend the assembly in the Sanctuary each night at 6 p.m.

We will organize supplies on June 1 at 9 a.m. We need volunteers to help set up "Hometown Nazareth" in the fellowship hall beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 8.

***Please plan to attend Bible School—
children and adults!***

Jean McSwain, Chair



We are grateful to have Matthew Carpenter play piano and organ for us May 26. Matthew's home church is Sardis Presbyterian in Charlotte, Sara's former home church. He played for Sara's ordination. Matthew is a junior at Myers Park High School. He is classically trained and has played piano since he was 2 years old. We look forward to hearing him again June 9.



Missions Committee

We continue to support Christian United Outreach Center (CUOC). Edgewood donated **14 pounds** of food to CUOC in May. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Steve Womack, Chair



CUOC is in desperate need of volunteers. A wide variety of jobs are available. See Connie or Nancy for more information.

Property and Grounds Committee

Young's Lawn Care cleaned the church yard after the recent storms. We are still waiting on repairs to the sanctuary floor.

Johnny Sellars, Chair

Communications Committee

We continue to post pictures on the bulletin boards, post worship service videos on Facebook, publish the newsletter, maintain the church website, and support other committees with special requests.

Connie Wynn, Chair

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, May 19. Three members of the congregation, Joyce McGehee, Trish Sellars, and Jerry Wynn, were elected to serve on the 2024 Congregational Nominating Committee along with two elders, Teresa Mangum and Patsy McBryde.

Cooperate officers were also elected at the meeting—President: Jean McSwain, Treasurer: Trish Sellars, Secretary: Patsy McBryde.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born,
and a time to die;
a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill,
and a time to heal;
a time to break down,
and a time to build up;
a time to weep,
and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn,
and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek,
and a time to lose;
a time to keep,
and a time to throw away;
a time to tear,
and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence,
and a time to speak;
a time to love,
and a time to hate;
a time for war,
and a time for peace.





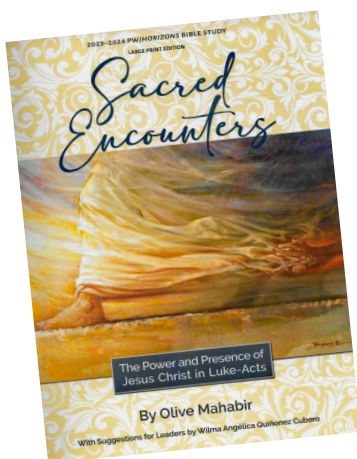
Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Teresa Mangum
Devotion: Trish Sellars
Program: Patsy McBryde
Food: Jean McSwain





May 13, 2024



Next Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Program Lesson 9: **“People Encounter Jesus
Through the Work of the Disciples”**

Bible Moderator: Rev. Sara Martin

Scripture: Acts: 9: 36-43

Circle Hostess: Teresa Mangum

Ladies, please come join us for fellowship and Bible Study

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Alyssa Grooms, Kaitlyn Brown, Antonin Muller, Zon Resueno

Congratulations Class of 2024

Goodbye Zon & Tony

We will miss these guys when they return home, Zon to the Philippines and Tony to France. They were exchange students who stayed with Ron Coley this school year. Thanks to Ron, they became part of our church community when they arrived last summer. They entertained us with performances at church and at high school plays. Both are extremely intelligent and talented. We wish them all the best. They surely will be successful at whatever they choose for their future.



Congratulations Rusty!

**From Downtown Sanford, Inc.
Facebook Page**

Happy National Police Week to the Sanford Police Department NC. We appreciate each and every one of you!

We felt it was fitting to recognize one of their dedicated officers, Captain Rusty Singer for his service to the community during this special week.

In March, The DSI Board surprised Captain Singer as Downtown Sanford Inc.'s North Carolina Main Street Center Champion. Captain Singer heads up the City of Sanford,'s foot patrol safety program. The merchants, restaurants, Visit Sanford Welcome Center and Temple Theatre Company just love having him downtown and we would like to thank him for his service!

Congratulations to Captain Singer!



Great Job Wilson!

1st Place

April 27, 2024

Wilson finished 1st in his age group in the 5K race at Sunset Beach.



Way To Go Wyatt!

Wyatt McGehee

Lee County High School
Marching Band

"Rookie of the Year"
"Most Spirited Band Member"

