



The Newsletter of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church

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First Quarter Blessings!

As March arrives and the season of Lent is in full gear, I am so excited to share with each of you some blessings which we are experiencing here at Hendersonville Presbyterian Church already in 2021!



Warning!

This article might induce sporadic smiling and possibly even excitement for what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst!

Hendersonville Presbyterian Church began 2021 in an interesting place – we were closed for in-person worship but using technology to broadcast worship online. Since then, here is what God has been doing in our midst!

We ended the Advent Conspiracy Campaign with such generous end of year giving that we were able to bless both the Rescue Mission and the Storehouse with an Advent gift of \$1300 each! Both organizations were humbled by our generosity and so thankful for the blessing we had bestowed upon them. Good Job HPC! Way to reflect the generosity of God in how we care for our local mission partners.

A young man who has started visiting our youth group came to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and we are committed to journeying with him in his faith growth. We gave him his first Bible – a NLT Teen Study Bible. Please continue to pray for our youth and their spiritual growth! Praise God for this! Lives changed for eternity!

During Advent, our church stepped up and supported 15 families (29 children) for Christmas. Through the gifts given and prayers offered, lives were impacted by the Gospel! Thank you for those who chose to support one of these children in our local community. You were used by God to bless another. Amen to that!

We have been blessed with a new staff member who is incredibly gifted, and who makes our team better here at HPC! If you have not already done so, please take a moment to welcome Susan Thompson as our new Office Manager. We hope to have the opportunity to introduce you to some more new staff members in the months ahead. Thank you, Jesus, for assembling such a great staff team here at HPC!

We began a Wednesday night worship and study event to run through the season of Lent. Our first week, with participants on all three of our virtual tools, we were able to engage over 120 people for our study, some as far away as Paris, France! That is a bigger group than most churches have members! WOW! Thanks for joining our Lenten study.

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EPC

A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches

Session Highlights - February 15 2021

The complete minutes of session meetings are posted on the Session Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall as soon as they are approved.

The COVID Task Force made some changes to their recommendations for the church. The new wording will allow for a status of "strongly recommended" mask wearing, but not mandatory, when the "seven day average of Henderson County positive COVID tests" falls below 30 for a seven day period. It appears this may very well happen soon after the long weekend numbers are reported.

The Finance Ministry reported that General Fund Income for January was \$51,081. The income and expense as reported by Treasurer Larry Mobley also included the information from the 03 Creative Beginnings reporting which then rendered a total (in the form as previously reported before the new Realm software) with income of \$59,058 and expenses of \$39,761. A very strong January income.

The Pastor reported that the first Wednesday Night Table Talk via Zoom, Live Streaming, and in person had a total attendance of 100 persons. Pastor-led trips to Greece in June, 2022, and Israel and Jordan in March 2022 will be advertised to our congregation. The pastor also offered a status report on the search for a new King Street worship music leader.

Outreach Ministry reported on the difficulties in Myanmar after the military coup and the dangers reported to our missionary, Dr. Dengtheuama. Keep the Christians there in your prayers.

Administration Ministry's Elder Haskins reported he is still trying to get his hands around all the ministry's responsibilities and recruit members to make for a full team.

The Personnel Ministry reported on our neglect in our filing of New Hire Forms with the State. We hope that we will not face fines and penalties for our lack of filing in accordance with this 1996 statute.

The Christian Education Ministry (as of this meeting to be known as the Discipleship Ministry) will increase Creative Beginnings tuition starting in the fall with a \$1 hourly increase in teachers' pay.

The Member Life Ministry reported that Marge Hever and Sara Emel had met with Pastor Rob to look at areas of responsibility and possible reorganization into other areas in a future leadership reorganization.

The Worship Ministry received approval to use up to \$500 from the King Street Designated Fund for computer upgrades needed for their worship displays. Communion was approved for March 6 and 7.

A number of members were deleted from the church rolls at their own request, thanks to the calls to the members made by the Deacons to inform everyone about the new Realm software use.

Presbytery commissioners to the January 30 meeting offered written reports. A Piedmont Presbytery informational ZOOM meeting was February 23rd to inform our elders about our new smaller presbytery from the subdivision of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic into three smaller presbyteries in 2022.

Respectfully submitted
Mimi Jamieson, Clerk

Deacon's Meeting - March 8, 6 pm
Session Meeting - March 15, 6:30 pm

TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Ardath (Ardie) Steven

January 27, 2021

Jim Finch

February 18, 2021

*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to their
families and friends.*

UPDATE DEADLINE

Deadline for the UPDATE is the 21st of each month. If you have information or articles for the April UPDATE, please get them to us by March 21.

You can leave written copy/photos in the Communications mailbox in the Church office, or send electronically to the church office or direct to Brenda Bradshaw :

BrendaBrad@aol.com

Thanks for your cooperation!

UPDATE

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Ash Wednesday was a powerful time of worship as we sought to move past the difficulties of 2020 and to ask God to begin the healing process in our lives, in the life of the church, in our community, and throughout the country! The Holy Spirit was present with us and God did some amazing work in the lives of those people who were present and participating. We ended worship by having elders anoint people with oil, as Scripture calls us to do when healing is sought.

This one sounds minor, but it really is a big deal...We switched financial and database software within the church office as 2021 began. This has made a huge difference in our office systems and gives us a system which is supported (our previous system was not supported for the last 9 years). That means if a computer dies, we have everything still accessible. Before, if the one computer died, we would lose most of our membership data and financials. This is a huge blessing!

We have entered into a Prayer Partner Initiative for the Season of Lent. God seems to be calling our church to prayer, but in small groups. We would ask you to reach out to someone within the church family and invite them to be your prayer partner for Lent. This is a simple, but powerful practice. Contact one another once a week (phone, email, text, or in person) and share prayer requests. Then intentionally pray for that person during the rest of the week. If you would like a prayer partner, but do not know who to invite, contact Brenda Bradshaw, and she will pair you with someone who is also looking. This will be a powerful practice to incorporate into your spiritual life this Lent.

All of those are great blessings. But I believe that they are just the start of an amazing year of blessing for our church family! Here are a few things to look forward to yet to come in 2021:

- A return of the Blue Grass Bash
- A focus on growing our youth ministry
- A continued and growing focus on outreach (both locally and globally)
- Adding new staff team members
- Baptisms and Life Transformations to celebrate!
- A larger return to in-person worship as the vaccines are administered and the COVID-19 cases decline!
- A HUGE celebration of Easter on April 4! You will want to join us in person or online for this celebration!
- The Kirkin' of the Tartans in October!
- And so much more!

May each of you be blessed by what God is doing in our midst currently, and excited by what God has planned next...right here under our noses at HPC!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rob



*"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills,
from whence comes my strength."*

—Psalms 121:1

ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday evening Bible Study in person, through Live Streaming, or via Zoom

Pastor Rob is hosting a Bible Study on "Hope" in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm each week throughout the Lenten season, ending on the last Wednesday of Lent, March 31.

You have three options for participating: 1) come in person, if you are able, 2) watch via live streaming on our Website or Facebook page, or 3) participate through the magic of ZOOM—interactively as if you were present (asking questions or making comments).

If you would like to join this Bible Study by ZOOM, please contact Susan Thompson in the Church office to RSVP. You will need a device which can access the internet to participate. You will also need a ZOOM link to access the class, which is why we are asking you to rsvp. The link will be sent out each Wednesday morning to all who register.

We look forward to having you join this study!

*For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only
Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have
eternal life.*

—John 3:16

CORNER

MEET DEACON CAROLYN BAKER

Carolyn Baker is an Ohio girl who moved to Hendersonville in 2017. She is a retired 6th grade teacher, having taught Social Studies, Language Arts and Reading. She has a son and a daughter, and three darling granddaughters.



Shortly after moving here, Carolyn began attending HPC and quickly became friendly with several members. Through their encouragement along with an "Interest Fair" held in the Fellowship Hall that year, she found areas of ministry where she fit in.

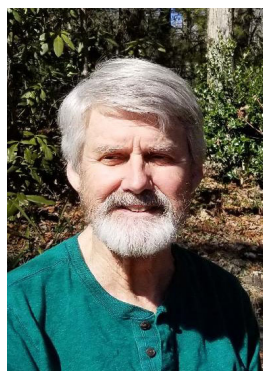
Carolyn is on the Balcony Lights Team for Sanctuary services, is active in Women's Ministry, and volunteers in the church library. She joined a small group Bible study and a Sunday school class. She now is honored to serve as a new Deacon.

"I'm excited about the future of our church with Pastor Rob and the Session leading us, and hope to meet many of you at our church gatherings."

CORNER

MEET DEACON MARK McGRATH

I was raised in New England, as my mother Mary was there when I was born. Upon reaching mobile independence, I attained my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in North Carolina, my chosen home state.



Throughout much of my life, I have been fortunate to serve many folks and communities around North Carolina and the Virginias. I always sought avenues to spread ethical and Christian values in my daily life.

I have been blessed with opportunities to share my God given talents through professional, avocational and personal interactions. Those pursuits continue in retirement with those friends and acquaintances who occasionally need a willing and creative helper... especially Jeani !

My Scriptural Guide has long been Colossians 3:23, which states: "Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as unto the Lord."



'Not going to name names, because these folks don't do it except for the glory of God—but you may recognize some of these masked helpers making life a bit easier for an HPC member who's been struggling with health issues lately.

Member Support Team

ANNOUNCEMENT

Prayer Partners

During the Lenten season, prayer and reflection are always stressed, and that is especially appropriate this Lent when many folks are feeling so isolated. Pastor Rob has called us not only to pray individually, but also to pray with a friend—or someone with whom you would like to be friends—on a regular basis throughout Lent. The thought is that one person might ask another to be their "prayer partner" and the two of them set a time that they would pray together at least weekly, from now until Easter either face-to-face or by phone if that is more practical.

These prayer sessions may be however short or long the partners agree upon. It is suggested that initially each pair would share their prayer concerns with each other—these may be general or as personal as each partner wishes. Then each would pray aloud or silently in each other's company.

Then throughout the week each partner would pray privately each day and include in those daily prayers the concerns of the prayer partner.

It is hoped that new friendships may be formed, that existing friendships would be deepened and above all, that we, as individuals and as a church family would focus on Jesus Christ and the love that led Him to suffer and die that we might live.

Call or email the church office or Brenda Bradshaw if you would like help finding a prayer partner. Brenda's email is brendabrad@aol.com and her phone is 828-777-8990.

MUSIC NOTES

A message from Gayle

A year ago last March, world circumstances presented most individuals with more time at home or alone. For my birthday in 2020, I requested a particular book about the life story of a favorite musician. Reading it has been encouraging. This inspired me to share a list of books written by church members, former members or family, and those who have presented at our church.

Fred Jones's book "Darkness Comes in the Morning," is about his father's inflection with tuberculous and the challenges his family faced; and the help given by members of the Henderson County community.

Jeremy B. Jones' story "Bearwallow" answering the question "Oh, so y'all's mountain folk," is also the story of his journey to another mountain place and his reflections on each.

Robert Morgan's "Gap Creek" and "Chasing the North Star" were inspired by Robert's family stories while growing up in Green River.

Ann Wirtz's book "Sorrow Answered" is most inspirational for someone who has lost a spouse; and her book "The Henderson County Curb Market, A Blue Ridge Heritage Since 1924" is enlightening, sharing the founding and progression of the Curb Market on Church Street.

Robert Ballard's book "My Tuxedo Doesn't Fit Me Anymore" is about his years growing up in Tuxedo. Ballard's other book, "My Musical Roots and Heritage" is the story of his musical journey.

Well-known author, Terry Ruscin has written three books about Henderson County, in addition to one entitled Flat Rock, and another which shares the History of Transportation in Western North Carolina.

Everyone has heard of Ann B. Ross' books about the adventures of the fictitious "Miss Julia."

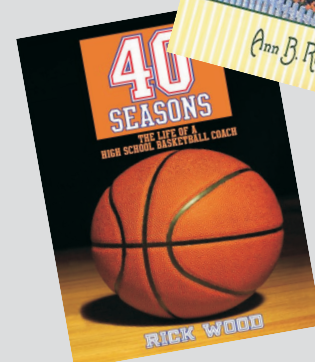
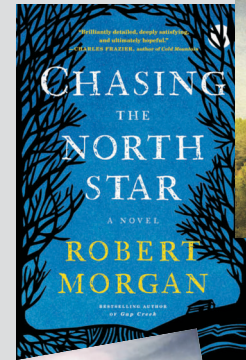
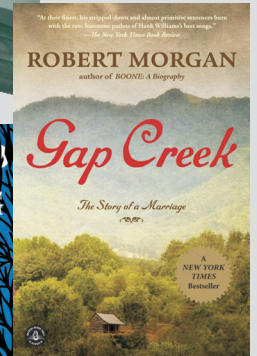
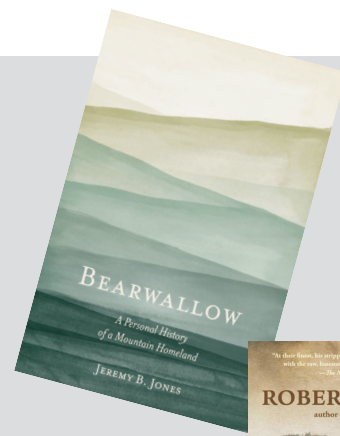
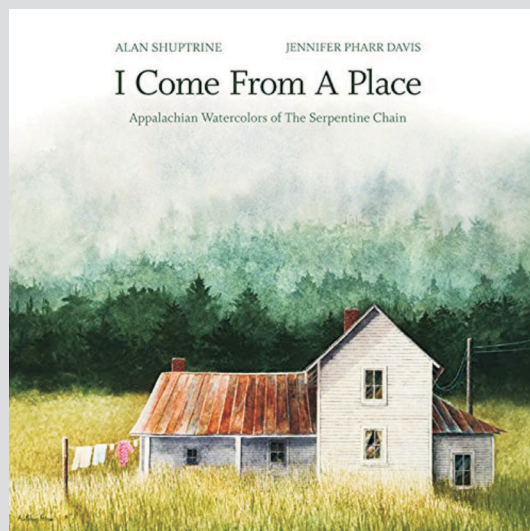
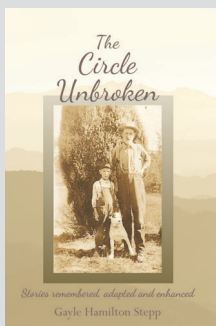
Rick Wood's "40 Seasons" tells of his career as a basketball coach.

The most beautiful book I have seen lately was a dual effort by watercolor artist Alan Shuptrine and Jennifer Pharr Davis: "I Come from a Place – Appalachian Watercolors of the Serpentine Chain." Jennifer has also written

numerous books on hiking and trails.

Finally, I mention my book "The Circle Unbroken – Stories Remembered, Adapted, and Enhanced," which shares memories of generations of a family living in an evolving southeastern town.

I suggest you turn on some string music and curl up in a comfortable chair with a good book.



CHURCH BAZAAR

to benefit
Operation Christmas Child

OCC is accepting donations of used items for its annual sale, tentatively set for April 24. All items must be clean and in good working order.

We cannot take the following:

- Clothing (will take handbags, scarves and shoes only)
- Electrical items that do not work
- Old TVs (will take only slim models)

Call Ragen White, 828-458-8229, if you have any questions or need any help.

Thank you!

On the lamp table beside me sits a card that says, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Inside, addressed to "Dearest Marge," is a beautiful blessing from Numbers 6. The card is signed, "Sincerely and with great love from your family in Christ Jesus at King Street Worship." For the last couple of months I have been blessed every day when I see that card. Many thanks to the person who sent it, and love to all at King Street Worship.

Marge Hever

*We are
blessed
to be
a blessing!*

Creative Beginnings



Dear Church Members and Friends of the Preschool,
Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool is an important Christian Education and evangelical community outreach of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church.

As we set our goals for 2021 we stated the following:

•By God's grace and provision, we strive to provide preschool age children with the absolute best **Christian** preschool experience possible, with an atmosphere of love and learning, **empowered by the Holy Spirit, to share the gospel** by word and deed and to **be faithful witnesses to those who do not know Christ**.

- We will continue to serve and financially assist children who are at high risk for failure in elementary school unless there are interventions to foster their social, emotional, and cognitive growth.
- We will continue to provide education and financial assistance to children for whom English is a second language so that they may be fully prepared for all English kindergarten.
- We will continue to provide financial assistance to parents who want Christian early education for their children, but who cannot afford it without assistance.

Will you please continue to partner with us as we seek to help these children and their families? We operate in the confidence that God is all sufficient and that *"He will provide all our needs according to His riches in glory."* (Phil. 4:19)

The CBCP Board of Directors and I would very much appreciate your prayerful consideration of financial support for these precious children who need our help. The following is a list of tuition fees if you are interested in making a one-time gift or a monthly pledge for a child who needs financial assistance. Please make your checks to **"Hendersonville Presbyterian Church"** and mark the *"for"* line **CBCP Scholarship Fund**. We thank you for your continued support. May God bless you.

Registration Information 2021-2022

Registration/Materials Fee

\$75.00

**Classes for 20 months old through 5 years old
are offered as follows:**

2-day program: Tuesday, Thursday

3-day program: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

5-day program: Monday-Friday

Tuition Fees

2 days per week: \$185.00 per month

3 days per week: \$215.00 per month

5 days per week: \$295.00 per month

Bilingual TK program: \$330.00 per month

In His Service & Love,
Michele Revis

Visit our Website: www.HendersonvillePC.org

Children & Youth & Families

January and February were fun!

Families went hiking together; the youth gathered to hang out at a bonfire, play putt putt, and try to escape from Fox & Otter's escape room; and the kids continued to meet by Zoom to worship and learn.



Children's Ministry

The children are still meeting via zoom as we make discoveries about chasing God.

We are discovering that if we seek Him, we will find Him. Our Lord wants a relationship with each of us.

Since we have started the season of Lent, packets were distributed to the children. We want to help kids to focus on what the Lord has done for us. To help embed the memory, the children were given some hands-on projects to do with their parents.

Contact Lorna—Kids@hendersonvillepc.org—If your kids did not receive a packet or with any questions.



Student Ministry

The youth are back in their room and continuing their inductive Bible study on the Gospel of Mark.

In addition, every student should have received a copy of The Prodigal God by Tim Keller. Pastor Rob will be referring to this

book as he preaches during Lent. Parents with younger students, we encourage you to read the book with your kids. We will be touching base on Saturdays to answer and ask questions.

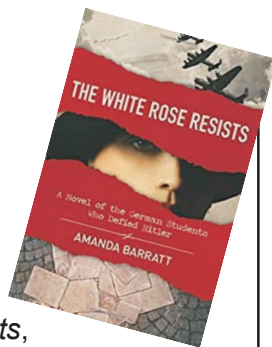
We will continue to send out a text each week with any changes or updates.

Contact Laura—students@hendersonvillepc.org—with any questions or to be placed on the text chain.



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Prayer - Fasting
Works of Love

LIBRARY NEWS



Our new book this month, *The White Rose Resists*, is by Amanda Barratt, who was inspired by an incredible true story of a group of ordinary men and women who dared to stand against evil.

The ideal of a new Germany swept up Sophie Scholl in a maelstrom of patriotic fever—that is, until she realized the truth behind Hitler's machinations for the fatherland. Now she and other students in Munich, the cradle of the Nazi government, have banded together, forming a group to fight for the truth: the White Rose. Risking everything to print and distribute leaflets calling for Germany to rise up against the evil permeating their country, the White Rose treads a knife's edge of discovery by the Gestapo.

Annalise Brandt came to the University of Munich to study art, not get involved with conspiracy. The daughter of an SS officer, she's been brought up to believe in the Fuhrer's divinely appointed leadership. But the more she comes to know Sophie and her friends, the more she questions the Nazi propaganda.

Soon Annalise joins their double life—students by day, resisters by night. And as the stakes increase, they're all forced to confront the deadly consequences meted out to any who dare to oppose the Reich.

A gripping testament to courage, *The White Rose Resists* illuminates the sacrifice and conviction of an unlikely group of revolutionaries who refused to remain silent—no matter the cost.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Joyce Schoch, Wayne Shaffer, Becky Thrower
- 3 Ron Brandon, Terry Collins, Eleanor Miller
- 4 Carol Price
- 5 Bill Eadie
- 6 Frank Ahern, Dona Mennella
- 8 Kathy Haynes
- 9 Elijah Cooke
- 10 Chuck Rouse
- 11 Jane Waddell
- 12 Hannelore Bozeman
- 13 JoAnn Fain
- 14 Mel Hatch
- 16 Eric Huranna
- 18 Carlin Compton, Hal Hunter
- 19 Mildred Wzorek
- 20 Mia Justice
- 21 Ginger Houlton
- 25 Richard Thomas
- 26 Bob Farrell, Betsy Price
- 27 Bob Briner
- 28 Caroline Pope, Rachel Macdonald
- 30 John Bayne, Kathy Gagnon, Nina Young
- 31 Elaine Mackay, Benjamin Macdonald



The new Realm software implementation is progressing smoothly. Our bookkeeper, Rick Stewart, has successfully completed the accounting transactions for January and published financial reports to the Session. He had some great accounting consulting help from his wife, Jan.

Elders and committee leaders have begun to create lists of people for their various ministries. These lists may be used to share information in the group about upcoming meetings, news, or special events related to the group. It also allows others to see who is participating in these groups.

In addition, members of the congregation have been invited to connect to the computer system through their web browser and review, or update, the information that the church currently has about them, especially contact information.

If you have any questions, please contact me:

Larry Mobley - 828-891-9709 or LMOBLEY09@gmail.com

Library News—Continued

... Although our own Covid pandemic marches on, books remain a positive and sustaining method to relieve stress and give some balance to a life spun out of our control. Call me, 713-882-0413 and I will meet you for a book exchange

—Sara Emel

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER



Frank Ahern
 Jean Austin
 Ray and Beverly Barstow
 Jeanie Beinert
 Carol Broyles
 Lloyd and Sharon Candell
 Teresa Compton
 Deanna Crawford
 Nadine Dillon
 Jauhneil Durham
 Ruth Dykstra
 Chuck Emel
 Nancy England
 Marilyn Haynes
 Ed and Barbara Henderson
 Charlie Horne
 Bob Hollis
 Ginger Houlton
 Mark Lemelman
 Nancy Payne
 Bobbie and Dave Radcliffe
 Joanne Radman
 Ed Smith
 Irene Solbakken
 Geri Sorrell
 Tim Starke
 Linda Stephens
 Larry Stepp, Sr
 Dave Stewart
 Jack Townsend
 Bob and Sarah Walrath
 Heidi Weicker
 Paul and Anita Weinert

Jan Alford's brother Jake
 Rick Austin's mother
 Clara Baynes mother-in-law

Gil & Carol Broyles' grand-daughter Kristen and Jeff
 Deanna Crawford's friend
 Eddie Youngblood
 Donna Dalton's grandson Ryan
 Maureen Heaphy's sister
 Lynn Moore
 Bob and Linda Hollis' son Scott
 Don and Brenda Holmer's son-in-law Mitch
 Eva House's family in loss of cousin Robin
 Eva House's daughter's in-laws, Richard and Mary Wolfe
 Dick and Eva House's friends: Evelyn Douglas, June Beddingfield, Becky Knapp, The Hollers, Ray and Christie Strickland
 Ben and Willie Johnson's grand-daughter Kathryn
 Tanya Jones' friend Diane
 Gardner's husband and grandson
 Nancy Lindsay's mother Pat
 Larry Mobley's friend McK King's daughter-in-law Jordan
 Betty Muller's granddaughter
 Chelsey Mossberg
 Nancy Payne's son Chris
 Glenn Richardson's friends Jeff and Renee Wuff
 Peg Richardson's sister Arlene
 Dale and Anita Rozell's son-in-law Danny
 Lynette Stark's mother
 Bette Lee Taylor's friend Barbara's daughter Carolyn
 Bette Lee Taylor's daughters
 Kristin and Julie

And All Those in Military Service

Chris and Beth Matthews' three sons and their families
 and John Woodham's son Tee

Hospital Visitation Schedule

March 7	Darlene Davey	828-595-9105
March 14	Scott Perry	828-696-5764
March 21	Tanya Jones	828-692-8678
March 28	Deanna Crawford	828-513-7272

Thanks to all involved in hospital visitation

**Let's show our love to
 our shut-ins
 with cards, prayers
 and visits.**

**Nadine Dillon
 Accordius Health
 200 Heritage Circle
 Hendersonville, NC 29891**

**Rosie Pardue
 Wesley Court Assisted Living
 916 Wesley Court
 Boiling Springs, SC 29316**

**Irene Solbakken
 Carolina Reserve - Laurel Park
 1825 Pisgah Drive
 Hendersonville, NC 28791**

*** At Home
 See Church Directory**

*** Ray and Beverly Barstow
 * Sylvia Honeycutt
 * Geri Sorrell**



**For prayer chain
 concerns, please call:**

Tanya Jones at 692-8678 or
 the church office.

IAM
INTERFAITH
ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

**INTERFAITH ASSISTANCE
 MINISTRY (IAM)** helps citizens
 of Henderson County who are
 in financial need.

**The IAM pantry focus for
 MARCH-** canned fruit, canned
 tuna, canned chicken, laundry
 detergent, dish detergent.

Clothing needs: Big need still is
 warmth for winter - blankets, coats
 and shoes for children and adults,
 all sizes, and winter gloves for
 adults. Also girls clothing sizes 0-
 24 mos.

Another current need is for queen
 size bed liners.

You can leave your donations at
 the church.



MISSIONARY CARE COMMITTEE

JOY

REFUGEE MINISTRY

EUROPE

[For personal safety reasons, Joy has asked that we not use her real name, and that we not even mention the country in which she ministers.]

In the 1990s, as a Christian, Joy escaped from a Middle Eastern country when threatened with being the victim of an honor killing by her strict Muslim family. She left the next morning with her young son. They arrived, crossing mountains in snow and with no money, in a European country where they were helped by a refugee organization. Therefore, no one knows better than Joy the problems faced by the many refugees who have come to that city after her. Ultimately, she worked for this refugee organization as an interpreter and later had her own ministry to the community from her home country.

She is currently with a major sending organization, but her situation is unique. Since she has no financial support from her home country, as do missionaries from America to a foreign country, her financial support has been a continuing challenge. Through no fault of her own, it has become less and less through the years. Our church has been her major supporter the past 12 years, with only modest support from one or two other churches and individuals – “One man who has sent me 30 Euros (\$36) monthly for years and I do not even know him.”

The only pension Joy has is from the government: 864 Euros (\$1047) monthly. Thus, she lives “hand to mouth.” She said, “I think many times these days about the people in concentration camps. They were having clear soup once a day. I have food to eat. I have a ceiling to stay under. I’m so thankful to God.”

Joy chooses to eat one meal a day in order to be a good steward of her small income. Nonetheless, when she visited the refugee camps during Europe’s migrant crisis from the Middle East 6 years ago, she would take food to them; and when refugees were bussed into the city, she would take them to McDonald’s to buy them food.

As a citizen now of the country in which she lives, the government provides for the majority of her healthcare—except some medicine, 50% of her dental bills, and glasses (which need to be replaced at 800 Euros or \$971).

In spite of several major health issues, one that makes it difficult for her to breathe when wearing an expensive mandated COVID mask, she is in good spirits and has coped well with the lockdown. She has a good routine and despite lockdown is getting outside for exercise and to meet people who provide encouragement and spiritual support.

Joy said, “Sundays I receive the online church service. Everything is online—teaching and preaching. I do my ministry online and with phone calls. God has opened new doors for me to do ministry. Right now I am teaching and ministering, not preaching, to people in other countries from my small apartment. I thank God, even if I have lost so many things. I cannot see my family in _____. Everybody’s looking out for everybody else. I’ve had younger people shopping for me from church. Now it is much more effective to see those people who are sitting in the darkness. You meet the light of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Not only the US, but all the world is upside down. I pray God will open heavy hearts.”



Designated Fund for Missionary Care and Local Missions

These two funds were established in September 2013 to replace the no longer available, long-standing Lovett Fund. The only source of monies now for missionary transportation costs for Table Talks or to preach; shortfalls; or special needs not covered by the church’s annual Benevolence support, is from the Missionary Care Designated Fund. When Henderson County organizations our church supports through Local Missions are in need of extra monies for their support, the only source is the Local Missions Designated Fund.

This is a reminder that, should you want to give to either of these accounts, please write your check to the church and on the bottom state either “For Missionary Care DF” or “For Local Missions DF.”

Both committees thank you.



The Great Commission

After His resurrection Jesus commanded his disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20:

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



Those of you who have been in our church for awhile know that we have a Stephen Ministry program, and that we Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care. We have compassionate hearts for those who are hurting, and we're equipped with caring ministry skills which

confidentially allow us to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support.

You may have some questions besides our purpose, so here are a few FAQs:

Why do we use the name "Stephen?" In the book of Acts, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Caring ministry has been always considered a hallmark of the Christian faith community.

How many congregations have Stephen Ministry? More than 13,000 congregations have Stephen Ministry—representing over 180 denominations, all 50 states, all 10 Canadian provinces. Like our congregation, many have had Stephen Ministry going for decades.

How many people have received Stephen Ministry? More than one-and-a-half million people have received care from a Stephen Minister in a formal one-to-one Stephen Ministry caring relationship, and millions more have been touched by Stephen Ministry in informal ways.

How does Stephen Ministry benefit pastors? Pastors tell us that Stephen Ministry supports pastors by deepening, expanding, and extending the caregiving capacity of their congregations while helping carry out the mission of the church. A team of Stephen Ministers, together with a pastor, can provide ongoing care to more people than the pastor could provide alone.

There are many situations in which Stephen Ministers are trained to help God and our pastors minister to you: grief, divorce, cancer, hospitalization, physical rehabilitation, long-term care, chronic illness, terminal illness, job loss, and spiritual crisis, just to name a few.

Are you struggling with one or more of these? If so, please call the church office or speak with a pastor or church leader and let us know that you are interested in knowing more about how Stephen Ministry can help you.

LOOKING

**FOR SOMETHING TO DO
... OR, NEED SOME HELP?**

There are some members of our congregation who fall into the "at risk" category of the coronavirus and really shouldn't go out at all. If you are in that category, we have volunteers willing to run essential errands for you (groceries, medications, etc.) This service is available to our congregation Monday through Friday from 9AM till 3 PM.

Please call Ragena at **828-458-8229** if you have a need.

If you are not in the "at risk" category and would like to help run errands, or if you are a prayer warrior willing to call those in need of prayer, give Ragena a call or email at:

ragenawhite@gmail.com

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON OR VIA LIVE STREAMING

INVITE A FRIEND
to share our Saturday
or Sunday service in person
or join us online for
11 am Sunday Worship.

Go to:

hendersonvillepc.com
click on "Worship" and follow
the simple instructions.
Also available on our
Facebook page
(#hendersonvillepc).

Videos of past services are
available on our website,
Facebook and on YouTube.



HELP WANTED

CAN YOU HELP with Live Streaming?

We need a few more helpers
who are able to sit in the balcony on a Sunday morning
(probably only one Sunday a
month) to help with the Live
Streaming of our 11 am service. It isn't difficult, and training takes just a short while. Please contact Sharon Mitchell to volunteer:

slpb123@gmail.com
or 828-290-2121

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It's never too early to think about Christmas!

Last November our church packed 1,302 shoeboxes and another 190 were brought in by church members for Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse program. We were able to do this because of your loving generosity. Each box contained school supplies, soap and washcloth, toothbrush, stuffed animal, and assorted other items.

We shop all year for this program, looking for bargains. Let's get the party started. All donations can be left at church.

After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are invited back to participate in a discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through this 12-lesson course, which includes Bible stories and Scripture memorization, they learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives as they share Him with friends and family. More than 14.9 million children have enrolled in this program since 2009. Will you help this Christian outreach program?



OCC can use . . .

Your old Christmas Cards



We can use your old Christmas cards to make bookmarks to put in each shoebox for children to use

with their New Testament and the booklet, "The Greatest Journey."

Also milk bottle tops

Any color - we use them to make Tic-Tac-Toe game pieces. Be sure to rinse them first!



Hang onto these things and bring them to church when you can.