

# Macland Press

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## April 2016

April 4-8  
Cobb County Spring  
Break

April 6  
NO Wednesday Night  
Dinner or Classes

April 16  
Youth Yard Sale

April 17  
11:30-Potluck Lunch

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The new Easter dresses and ties have been put in the hamper. The Easter ham has been turned into leftover sandwiches. The last Easter egg has been found – or, if it hasn't, the nose will find it on the next hot day. The Peep-induced sugar crash has (almost) subsided. Easter is over.

We can now indulge in chocolate or Facebook or whatever else we gave up for Lent and go back to our normal routine. Even we church leaders may find ourselves relieved to go back to life as normal, now that the work of Easter is over.

But, thanks be to God, it is not.

Every year around Easter many documentaries and news articles, secular and otherwise, address the question: Do we believe Jesus rose from the dead? It's an important question. But Duke Divinity School professor and author Stanley Hauerwas challenges us to consider another question that is equally important, if not more so: "The problem, after all, is not belief in the resurrection, but whether we live lives that would make no sense if, in fact, Jesus has not been raised from the dead."

On the secular calendar, Easter is just a day. On the church calendar, it is a season. But for the follower of Jesus, Easter is a lifestyle. In other words, it is our "normal" routine. Because Jesus calls us, not just to believe the resurrection, but to live it.

He even gives us a specific place where we are to live the resurrection. When the women arrive at the tomb and hear that Jesus has been raised, they are told: "But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you'" (Mark 16:7).

Why Galilee?

Galilee was the hometown of the women and the disciples. It was the place of their daily routine – their chores, their work, their studies, their mealtimes, their family relationships, their waking and their sleeping. But in addition to being their home base, "Galilee of the Gentiles" (Matthew 4:15) was also the launch pad for Jesus' mission to make disciples of all nations. That's where we are sent to live the resurrection – in the Galilee's of our homes and the Galilee's of our community and world. In the places in our lives and in the world's lives, in every place where hope seems dead, we are called to declare the tomb is empty – by daring to live in ways that make no earthly sense, save that the Savior lives.

Howard Thurman's powerful poem "The Work of Christmas" reminds us that Christmas does not end on the day after Epiphany. His message is equally timely this week after Easter:

When the last note of "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" has been sung,  
When the last chocolate bunny has been eaten,  
When the lilies begin to wilt,  
...the work of Easter begins.

It's time to go meet Jesus in Galilee. See you there.

In Christ,  
Nicole Lock

# What's Up Macland?

## Macland Presbyterian Preschool



Is gearing up for the summer!!

We will have summer MMO on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12 most weeks during the summer. Our Summer Camp will be July 18-22 from 9am until 1pm. Please share this information and our website with neighbors, friends and relatives!!

Registration for 2016-2017 school year is now!  
Stop by for a tour anytime!!

Please contact the preschool office 770 439-1548 ext. 226 or email [preschool@macland.org](mailto:preschool@macland.org) with questions.



Do you have furniture, clothing, books, toys, or other items you'd like to let someone else enjoy? Do you need furniture, clothing, books, toys, or other items at a discount-

ed rate? The Youth has an event for you! **We are having a huge Yard Sale on Saturday, April 16th from 8:00 am- 2:00 pm.** We would love to take any donations you have. While you are Spring cleaning, you can bring us those items you no longer use so others can enjoy them. Or come and shop and get new to you items! We are collecting donations now! They can be brought to the Youth rooms for storage until the sale. If you have large items that you need help picking up, please contact Garrett Campbell (cell: 404-374-1703 or email: [gpc1987@yahoo.com](mailto:gpc1987@yahoo.com)). He will arrange for a youth or "Campbell and Sons" movers to come pick them up! We will also be setting up at the gym all day on Friday, April 15th if you would like to bring donations then. We asked that all donations be received by Friday afternoon on the 15th. Please see Garrett Campbell if you have any questions!



**Nikki Collins MacMillan-**  
**Stated Clerk and Mission Co-**  
**ordinator**

Come have coffee and meet Cherokee Presbytery's new Stated Clerk and Mission Coordinator, Nikki Collins MacMillan, at Cool Beans Coffee Shop on Thursday, April 28th at 10:30 AM. Nikki is excited to be re-joining Cherokee after an extended absence and she looks forward to visiting with our churches learning about the various activities and programs we offer in the life of the church and our communities. Cool Beans is located at 31 Mill Street, Marietta, GA. 30060.

Nikki can be contacted at:  
[nikki@cherokeepresbytery.org](mailto:nikki@cherokeepresbytery.org).



Reconciliation & Oneness  
**RECONCILIATION and**  
**ONENESS RALLY!!**

**Save the date:** On Saturday, April 23, 2016, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rome, Georgia to hold a day of reconciliation and oneness at Riverview Park. Make plans to join them in support of this bold demonstration of unity! Watch for more details to come in the next few weeks!



**Save the Date—**  
**Potluck Luncheon!**

We will have a potluck lunch immediately following the Worship Service on Sunday, April 17th. More information to come!

# VBS Should Be Your Next Hang Out!



Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

“Kickoff Celebration”

Spaghetti Dinner - Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5PM

VBS classes 6PM – 8:30 PM

Night time adventures await.

Make plans now for Vacation Bible School.

Our theme this year is Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World. VBS will be held at night this year from Sunday through Thursday in the Family Life Center. The entire congregation is invited to welcome our “explorers” and their families during a church wide Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Look for registration and volunteer information coming soon. Psalm 78:4 – We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.



## April Birthdays

4/2 Peggy Dhonau  
4/2 Sammie Hall  
4/2 Carla Pierce  
4/6 Lauren Horne  
4/7 Dale D'Amore  
4/8 Alison Bartlett  
4/8 Brenda Hale  
4/9 Cindi Endredi  
4/10 Mel Morrison  
4/11 Ed Null  
4/11 Lauren Rhinesmith  
4/12 Beverly Thompson  
4/13 Shari Barrett  
4/13 Kelly Wier

4/16 Travis Koval  
4/16 Morgan Moore  
4/16 Olivia Wilkerson  
4/16 Michaela Yates  
4/17 Bill Lynch  
4/18 Lisa Nagel  
4/20 Xenia Brunot  
4/20 Jason Wier  
4/22 Emily Cromer  
4/22 Jake Hodges  
4/28 Jeffrey Brunot  
4/28 James Mitchell

## Session News and Notes- March 2016

### Committee Reports



#### **Worship**

- Thanks to everyone that helped make our Easter celebration a meaningful and rewarding experience.

#### **Christian Education**

- The youth fund raiser held on March 5 was a huge success thanks to all that made it possible and those that continue to support this wonderful group of young people.
- The date for the middle school Maryville College Retreat is July 20 through July 24.
- The dates for Montreat are June 5-11, 2016

#### **Mission**

##### **2016 Mission Trip Opportunities:**

- There has been open discussion about the pros/cons of having a mission outside of our community verses right here in our own backyard. Bob reported on contacts with former Macland member Jim Gearhart and Pastor Brad Simpson at Wytheville Presbyterian Church in Wytheville, VA.  
\*Our youth went on a summer mission trip in 2010 to Wytheville and had a very fun and rewarding experience working on projects to help several low income families in surrounding Appalachia. We are communicating to find a mutually agreeable date, preferably in mid-July for our families with young people in school Freida is checking out the 'Of One Accord, Inc. Ministries in Rogersville, Tn. This. ministry serves Appalachian families in a variety of services providing food, the senior hot meal program, and a summer feeding program out of renovated school buses that serve as mobile cafeterias.
- Freida has had conversation with Garrett Campbell and will be -meeting with the Sunday School youth to talk about what ideas they may have for a mission project this summer
- Community Garden – Four of the five families that tended plots last year have said they do not have the time to devote to the garden this summer. We had approached Cindi Endredi about taking on a role as coordinator and she was very interested but at present she is in the middle of teacher recertification and is a bit overwhelmed. The role of coordinator is most important in the next two months as planning and soil preparation should be in high gear. As a result of these deliberations we have decided to leave the garden fallow for this growing season and try to get the upper hand on the weed situation with the judicious use of herbicide.

#### **Fellowship/Evangelism**

- Grief Share group continues

#### **Finance/ Administration**

	YTD	LYTD	Difference	Plan/Budget	Difference	Mo Average
Income	58,967	52,472	6,495	62,111	(3,144)	29,484
Expenses	56,365	59,554	(3,189)	64,728	(8,363)	28,183
Difference	2,602	(7,082)	9,684	(2,617)	5,219	1,301

#### **Building and Grounds**

- The guttering will be replaced to prevent further damage.
- The team is investigating adding more lighting to the lower parking lot outside the Family Life Center.
- Plans are underway to refurbish the Prayer Garden.
- Discussed the need to upgrade/purchase an additional mower for this year. Bids have been requested and funds request will be submitted shortly.
- Bids are being reviewed to have the parking lot sealed and re painted.
- Scouts will be consulted to see if they will be able to spread mulch as in years past. Additional mulch requests will be sent to Marti (if needed).
- Exploring options to get a Bobcat on site for a few days to complete some grading work and smooth out several problem areas around the property.

#### Session Actions

- **Approved the removal, at her request, of Eileen Stoya from the rolls.**
- **Approved that VBS be held in the FLC, Sunday June 12 through Thursday June 16 from 5 – 8:30 pm on Sunday and 6 – 8:30 pm the other days.**
- **Approved Bob Kendall and Freida St. Germain as Commissioners to the called Presbytery meeting on April 6, 2016.**
- **Approved Reverend Katie Sundermeier to fill the pulpit on April 3 & 10, 2016.**