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February 2016

February 7
11:00-Congregational Meeting

February 10
Ash Wednesday
6:00-Dinner
7:00-Ash Wednesday Service

February 14
8:00-Blood Drive

February 15
Presidents' Day
Church Office Closed

February 17
No Wednesday Night
Dinner or Classes

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How Long???

Dear Friends:

We've all been there, haven't we? We've all had times when we've had to wait and we've wondered how long we'll be in a holding pattern. How long until I get my test results? How long until I see my family again? How long until I hear from the admissions department of my dream school? How long until I find my dream job? How long until we see brighter days – be it in the weather, our individual situation, or our communal situation? Are we there yet – how much longer? (We joke that children ask this question on car road trips, but we of all ages often ask this same question on any of life's "road trips"!)

We may even find ourselves asking this question in this season of transition as a church: How long until we meet the next pastor God has called to serve our congregation? It's an exciting time as we eagerly anticipate welcoming this person. Even so, waiting is seldom easy...


Well, we're in good company. God's people have been asking this question for centuries, crying out with the psalmist David, "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 13:1). The good news is God does indeed hear our cries, and God provides comfort in the form of his promises. Among the many gifts the youth gave us when they led us in worship on January 24 was their reminding us of God's prophecy through Jeremiah: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). We may not get to know all of the how's, when's, what's, and where's of those plans – but we do get to know the Who. Because, while God may not provide a road map, God does provide a relationship – a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Over the next few weeks of Lent, we will be exploring some of our "How Long?" questions and discovering how Jesus Christ responds to some of our deepest longings – in ways that often go above and beyond any of our greatest dreams.

Join us on the journey as we cry out to God with our longings and remind one another of God's faithfulness!

In Christ,

The Reverend Nicole Lock
Bridge Interim Pastor



FROM THE PASTOR

Lenten Sermon Series: How Long?

- February 10: Ash Wednesday, 6:00pm Dinner in Family Life Center, 7:00pm Worship
- February 14: How Long?: Longing for Significance (Luke 4:1-13)
- February 21: How Long?: Longing for Belonging (Philippians 3:17-4:1)
- February 28: How Long?: Longing for Legacy (Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:6-9)
- March 6: How Long?: Longing to be Prodigal (Luke 15:11-32)
- March 13: How Long?: Longing to be Empty (Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8)

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Philippians – Becoming a Community in Christ

What does it mean to be the church? That's the focus of each of Paul's letters, especially his letter to the church of Philippi. In this letter, Paul talks about the joys and challenges of being the church, many of which we the church still experience today! Join us on Wednesdays in February and March as we discover what it means to live into Christ's vision for his Church.



February Birthdays

2/1 Will Cromer
2/6 Angelia Yates
2/7 Dylan Cole
2/8 Elizabeth Ekweh
2/8 Andrew Scott
2/9 Terry Curtis
2/12 Russ Conger
2/17 David Savic
2/19 Jeff Pierce
2/19 Alex Scott
2/19 Steve Zerby
2/20 Ben Hodges

2/20 Bob Ledbetter
2/20 Erin Michalke
2/21 Mark Beebe
2/21 Alex Boguslavsky
2/25 Richard Estes
2/27 Barry Haugh
2/27 Lauren White

Reaching, Raising Relieving
Making a Difference One Child, One Person at a Time

Macland Winter Blood Drive Valentine's Day February 14, 2016

Did you know?



- The Red Cross started providing blood for patients in 1940.
- Donors can give blood every 56 days. Platelet donors can give every 7 days.
- The Red Cross holds more than 200,000 blood drives every year.
- Only 7% of people in the US have the Universal donor blood type O negative.
- Adults have around 10 pints of blood in their body. 1 pint is given during a donation.
- Platelets, critical for cancer patients, have a shelf life of only 5 days.
- 30 million blood components are transfused each year.
- Blood cannot be manufactured; it can only come from volunteer donors.
- Less than 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood.
- 5 million patients in the US need blood every year.
- Every 2 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion.
- 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.

Jeff is ready for his donation.

Please join us on Valentine's Day, Sunday February 14th. If you are not eligible to donate there are other ways to help with the drive:

- Provide cookies
- Welcome the donors who may be visitors to our campus
- Man the sign-up table in the narthex Sundays prior to the drive
- Monetary contribution to treat the American Red Cross team to lunch.
- Thank the donors.

Make an appointment online at redcrossblood.org using the password maclandp or stop at the signup table in the narthex. For more information, please contact Nancy Russell.



MaryAnne watches as John and a Cub Scout chat at the blood drive snack table.



February 14 is Scout Sunday at Macland. Let's go all out to make our Cub Scout Pack families feel welcome. We have invited Pack Leader John Welstead to share a few words about Pack 702 activities during the Announcement time. See Christian Hoadley if you have any questions or would like to get involved in supporting our Charter Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troup.

14TH ANNUAL
SPRING CHICKEN RUN



A Race Against Hunger

Certified Official
Peachtree Qualifier

5K Run/Walk

1Mile Run/Walk

Tot Trot

Saturday, March 19 @ 8 am

West Cobb | 3615 Macland Road | Powder Springs

A benefit supporting

SWEETWATER
MISSION



SpringChickenRun.com

What's Up Macland?



Macland Presbyterian Preschool

Is gearing up for registration!

Check out the website for
classes and tuition rates.

Registration for church members and current
students is Monday, February 1st.

Registration opens to the public on Thursday,
February 4th.

We offer classes from 9-1 for
Infants, toddlers, twos, threes and fours

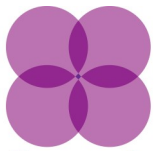
Check out our new infant option!!!!

For information about Macland Presbyterian
Preschool, email preschool@macland.org
www.macland.org



Macland's World of Disney Youth Fundraiser Dinner Saturday, March 5th at 6 pm.

Make a wish upon a star, dive under the sea,
and join us in a whole new world... The Youth
Group hopes you will all come for a magical
evening at our fundraiser dinner. Come as your
favorite Disney Character. Wear your best
Disney attire. This will be fun night with
delicious food. As always we will have our
famous dessert auction. We will be crowning
Macland Prince and Princess based on Fairest
of them All, Disney Doppelganger, Best Disney
fan, and Best Disney Dessert. The Youth will
be selling tickets Sunday morning before
church and Wednesday evenings, beginning
Sunday, January 31st. All proceeds will go our
summer retreats. We look forward to seeing
all of you there!



News from the Fellowship and Evangelism Team

Fellowship Committee

Greetings everyone...we have
changed to our new name from
the old Congregational Care and
Evangelism Team...and we invite
anyone who would like to be on
our committee to join. So far,
Tom Camp, Terry Curtis, and

Carolyn Baumgartner have joined me to help plan
and organize our year's events. We are in the process
of updating the "Welcome To Macland" brochure but
essentially, our team plans anything to do with shar-
ing the Gospel and Macland with each other and
throughout our community. You can join in the fel-
lowship ("koinoneia") via Small Groups, Bible Stud-
ies, church retreats, church festivals, pot lucks, fami-
ly game nights, Knit Wits, Grief Share, Renegades,
Silver Shakers, Golf Outings, Backpackers, and more.
If you are interested in rejuvenating the "Dinner for
Eight" group, please let me know (Penny Estes
shared this with me). It would not be a permanent
group – just one month at a time. Speaking of golf
outings – the next Men's Golf and Fellowship Outing
is scheduled for April 15-16 at Callaway Gardens. See
me for more details or to get on our e-mail list.
Thanks and blessings.

Doug Michalke, Elder

The Session has been deliber-
ating a proposal to install flat
screens in the sanctuary to
help modernize our worship
experience. Funds have been
designated for this purpose
from the Pam Brotherton Be-
quest. Anyone interested in
providing input to this project should contact
Kyle Smith.





Lent, Holy Week And Easter Services

Macland Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to share in any and all of our services below:

*February 10 Ash Wednesday - 6:00 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Worship Service*

March 20 Palm Sunday --- 10:00 am Worship Service

*March 24 Maundy Thursday - 6:00 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Communion Service*

March 25 Good Friday - 7:30 pm - Worship Service

March 26 Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00am

*March 27 Easter Sunday - 7:30 am - Sunrise Service
8:00 am - Breakfast Treats
10:00 am - Worship Service*

Session News and Notes January 2016



The Session met on January 25, 2016 in the Family Life Center.

The Session welcomed Nicole Lock as Bridge Interim

Committee Reports

Worship-Preparations have begun for Easter.

- Ash Wednesday-February 10, 2016-A worship service will be held in the Sanctuary after dinner.
- Palm Sunday-March 20, 2016- Regular service
- Maundy Thursday-March 24, 2016- A meal in the Family Life center with Communion served at each table.
- Good Friday-March 25, 2016-A worship service will be held.
- Easter Sunday-March 27, 2016-Two services-7:30 and 10:00. A light breakfast will be served between the two services.

Christian Education

- Youth Sunday was a great success
- February 7, 2016 will be Souper Bowl Sunday which is sponsored by the Middle School Youth.
- March 5, 2016 will be the youth fund raiser.
- Plans are in the works for Montreat and Maryville College for this summer.

Mission

- The team shared its accomplishments over the past year. These have also been shared in the bulletin.

Congregational Care/Evangelism

- The committee is working on name tags for the Congregation.
- The committee will work with Christian Ed to develop activities for members.
- The Committee encourages everyone to participate in Wednesday night activities.

Finance/ Administration

- Please remember to submit your pledge card. Thanks to those who have already made their pledges.
- Recommended that Rod Bolin serve as an at large member of the Bequest Team
- Presented a balanced budget for 2016
- Will develop a one page highlight of the budget for the PNC to use for informational purposes while interviewing potential candidates for pastor.
- The team is working on financial reviews of 2013 and 2014.

Building and Grounds

- Replaced HVAC system in the sanctuary area
- The roof leak has been repaired
- The team is investigating adding more lighting to the lower parking lot outside the Family Life Center.

Session Actions

- **Approved Julie Jensen to preach on January 10, 2016**
- **Approved the contract for the interim pastor Nicole Lock beginning January 19, 2016**
- **The Session was privileged to hear the faith statements and approve the faith statements of the following new officers:**
- **Deacons-Richard Estes, Peggy Ingalsbe, Ferne White, Linda Moon, Terry Curtis, and John Polacheck.**
- **Elders-Kevin Williams, Bonnie Little, Freida St. Germain and Doug Michalke**
- **Approved February 14, 2014 as Boy Scout Sunday and Blood Drive Sunday**
- **Approved Freida St. Germain and Russ Conger as Commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on February 27, 2016**
- **Approved Rod Bolin as a member at large of the Bequest Team**
- **Approved a Congregational Meeting for February 7, 2016 to present the budget and team reports.**
- **Approved Doug Michalke as Trustee for the 2018 class**
- **Approved Gayle Kuykendall as Clerk of the Session for 2016.**