

# Macland Press

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## March 2016

March 5  
6:00-Youth Fundraiser  
Dinner

March 19  
Spring Chicken Run

March 20  
Palm Sunday

March 24  
Maundy Thursday  
6:00-Dinner  
7:00-Worship Service

March 25  
Good Friday  
7:30-Worship Service

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

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Dear Friends:

We are almost midway through Lent. How is your Lenten journey with Jesus going so far? Have you sensed his presence and seen him at work in your life and in the world?

Many people traditionally give up some beloved food or favorite activity during Lent – chocolate, Facebook, etc. The rationale behind this practice is to grow in our love for Jesus: When we find ourselves craving these things, we are reminded of our Savior who satisfies all of our needs and longings. Beyond just our “need” for chocolate or Facebook, Jesus satisfies our heart needs.

Recently, I've found myself thinking about the things Scripture calls us to give up in our hearts. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes: “Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice...” (Ephesians 4:31). By emptying these practices from our hearts, we make room for Jesus to fill our hearts with his kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, as Paul says in the completion of his sentence: “...and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32).

In my own spiritual practices, I often like to read a text in several different translations in order to gain new insights about the passage. One of my favorite paraphrases of Scripture is Eugene Peterson's *The Message*. Peterson words of these same verses as follows: “Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.”

As we continue on with Jesus to the cross and to the glorious empty tomb, may the Spirit help us to make a clean break with anything that gets in the way of our relationship with God and with God's people, and may that same Spirit help us to quickly and thoroughly forgive others, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

In Christ,  
Nicole Lock

**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

It is time to register for the 2016-2017 school year!!

Please visit our website [macland.org](http://macland.org) for registration information, forms and general info about our program.

Our Classes include....

Infants (2 days) **NEW CLASS!**

Toddlers (2 days)

Twos (3 days)

Threes (4 days)

Fours (4 days)

All students must be class age by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Did you know that every summer we have a pre-school summer camp? It is a fun week of pre-school activities and a great way for a pre-schooler to ease into a routine right before school starts! It is open to ALL preschoolers. Not just students that will attend Macland. This year's date is the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Please help us spread the word! Also, we have MMO most Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer. Stay tuned for dates!!

Call, email or visit anytime!!

[preschool@macland.org](mailto:preschool@macland.org) 770 439-1548 ext. 226



**Macland's World of Disney  
Youth Fundraiser Dinner  
Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds will go our summer retreats. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



The Session has been deliberating 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 Bequest. Anyone interested in providing input to this project should contact Kyle Smith.



# *Holy Week And Easter Services*

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

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

## Session News and Notes February 2016



The Session met on February 22, 2016 in the copy room.

Pastors report- Reverend Lock received information from Debbie Hennings that one of our active participants is in need of financial help. After a brief discussion, **it was approved that the Angel Fund will be reestablished and monies from the fund will be dispersed as designated by the Pastor.**

### Committee Reports

#### **Worship**

- 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**

- March 5, 2016 will be the youth fund raiser.
- Plans are in the works for Montreat and Maryville College for this summer.
- Plans are also underway for Vacation Bible School. Christina Weir will be coordinating this year.

#### **Mission**

- Souper Bowl Youth Sunday – Funds raised \$369.00 and donated to Sweetwater Mission
- Blood Drive - Macland exceeded their goal of 32 pints with a total of 36. Bulletin notice with results will be in the Feb. 2/21 bulletin.
- Scout Sunday – Scouts were in good attendance and were a big help in worship providing usher assistance.
- Spring Chicken Run – Volunteer sign-ups are on-going with almost all slots filled.

#### **Fellowship/Evangelism**

- The Committee encourages everyone to participate in Wednesday night activities.
- A “Welcome To Macland” brochure has been developed and is in the Narthex for our visitors.
- The Facebook page is being updated.
- Carolyn Baumgartner will serve as a liaison to the Grief Share group.

#### **Finance/ Administration**

- Please remember to submit your pledge card. Thanks to those who have already made their pledges.
- The 2016 budget was presented to and approved by the Congregation.
- The financial records from 2013-2015 continue to be reviewed in preparation for the new pastor.

#### **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.

### Session Actions

- **Approved replacement of the guttering.**
- **Approved the celebration of Communion each Sunday.**
- **At her request, Katherine Russell was removed from the roll due to her moving out of the area.**
- **The following special offerings were approved:**
  - **One Great Hour of Sharing – March 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Mother’s Day – May 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Peacemaking – Oct. 2<sup>n</sup>**
  - **Thornwell Thanksgiving – Nov.**
  - **Christmas Joy – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Christmas Eve Offering – Dec. 24.**



# March Birthdays

3/1 Robert Gravley  
3/8 Caroline Polacheck  
3/9 Katerina Brunot  
3/9 Tracey Smith  
3/10 Mitch Hodges  
3/12 Laura Yaramishyn  
3/13 Ferne White  
3/14 Bonnie Little  
3/15 Mary Allia Endredi  
3/16 Laura Wise  
3/17 Ellen Auchenpaugh  
03/17 Lydia McAliley  
3/19 Mason Anderson  
3/19 Jana Ferguson

3/19 Ruthie Whalen  
3/19 Emily Williams  
3/20 Alex Hubert  
3/21 Connie Tabb  
3/23 JP Bartlett  
3/25 Gabrielle Barge  
3/27 Jimmy Pope  
3/28 George Pope  
3/31 Jessica Wier