Wake Forest Baptist Church

March 2016

CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule
9:45 Sunday School Classes
11:00 Worship
12:00 Reception in Narthex
12:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 2
10:00 Beginning Meditation Group
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper
Sunday, March 6: Lent 4
Communion & Hunger Offering
4:00 Deliberative Dialogue
Wednesday, March 9
10:00 Beginning Meditation Group
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper
Thursday, March 10
10:00 Ladies' Circle
Sunday, March 13: Lent 5
Wednesday, March 16
10:00 Beginning Meditation Group
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper
Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday
1:30 Education Committee
4:00 Deliberative Dialogue
Wednesday, March 23
10:00 Beginning Meditation Group
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper
Friday, March 25
7:30 Men's Breakfast
6:30 Tenebrae Service, Davis Chapel
Sunday, March 27: Easter
10:30 *The Faces of Easter*, Godly Play

UPCOMING TEXTS

Here are the upcoming lectionary readings:

3/6 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mark 12:28-44

3/13 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Mark 13:1-8; 24-37

3/20 Palm Sunday
Mark 11:1-11

3/25 Good Friday
Mark 15:16-39

3/27 Easter Sunday
Mark 16:1-8

Letter from the Pastor

Dear friends,

Remember my word for 2016? It's ***CONNECT***. My goal (and I hope yours, too) is that we begin to think about our congregation and the ways we ***connect***—as friends, as new acquaintances, and as disciples. It is my hope that we ***connect*** the practice of discipleship with our relationships in and around our community.

We're seeing the beginning of this practice—we ***connect***ed at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (above) with the Baptist Student Union of WFU. We're ***connect***ing our hearts and our minds in the Deliberative Dialogue Training. We're ***connect***ing our hearts in meditation in the Beginning Meditation Group on Wednesday mornings during Lent.

What about you? Are you ***connect***ing? Have you found a place to learn, to lead, to care, and to share in our congregation? If you haven't, please let me know how we might help you ***connect***.

And on that note, please help us ***connect*** with our visitors by making sure they have a guest card, and that they're greeted warmly. If you meet a visitor a couple of times, invite them to your Sunday school or a place where you're ***connect***ing.

I have found my ***connect***ing place with you—in my heart. I pray for you all, and for your concerns. I love being your pastor, and I love you.

Pastor Lia

COLLEGE MINISTRY

On Sunday, April 3, Wake Forest Baptist Church will be kicking off a *First Sunday College Group* following worship. The young adults will be meeting in the Lower Auditorium for a pancake brunch.

This effort will be guided by Elizabeth Corney, but we need volunteers to set up and clean up each first Sunday. If you feel a sense of calling to create a safe and fun space for college students, and like flipping pancakes, we'd invite you to join with us! Please send Elizabeth an email at cornea13@wfu.edu.

SUNDAYS in FEBRUARY

Sexton	Marianne McIver
Deacon on Call	Please contact Marianne
Worship Leaders	
March 6	Paul Lawrence
March 13	Nancy Hall-Davis
March 20	Eve Andrews
March 27	Donnis and Ghazi Sakran
Reception	
March 6	Lydia Cavanaugh
March 13	Penny Ender
March 20	Judy and Terry Lovelace
March 27	TBD

If you'd like to host a reception, please call Judy Lovelace or Don Roberson.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paul Odom	01
Susan Parks	04
Glenn Aldridge	07
Teresa Goins	16
Marjorie Angell	17
Teena Willard	19
Gaylan Bolz	24
Ty Hamrick	27
Caroline Armijo	29
Nancy Hall-Davis	30
Paul Lawrence	30
Sam Lawrence	30

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Don't forget to pick up some offering envelopes on the hymnal cart on Sunday mornings.

January offerings:	$21,476
Budget to date:	15,083

FEBRUARY HUNGER OFFERING

The hunger offering for February 2016 was $157.00

ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Are you concerned about Coal Ash in our state? March 3rd at 7pm Temple Emanuel will be screening four short documentaries and hosting a panel of coal ash experts. You can find more details here: http://www.coalashchronicles.com/states/north-carolina/nc-public-hearings-and-free-film-screenings-dates-and-details. Friend of WFBC, Caroline Armijo, is interviewed in the film.

Appalachian Voices sent a letter thanking Wake Forest Baptist Church for our missions giving of $500. They write, "Appalachian Voices remains committed to strategically transitioning the southeast away from the destructive dominance of coal." Our gift supports:

- Helping residents in North Carolina fight for the health of their communities, supporting the clean up of toxic coal ash ponds.
- Ending mountaintop removal coal mining at by passing The Clean Weather Protection Act (H.R. 1837) in the US House of Representatives.
- Connecting with communities and electric utilities to promote affordable energy efficiency options and resources that spur job creation and help boost local economies.

FIRST SUNDAY HUNGER OFFERING

Don't forget that on Sunday, March 6, we'll take a special offering for the hungry in Winston-Salem. Each month, we give all the loose cash and designated monies to one organization fighting hunger in Winston-Salem. In addition, you can bring canned coffee, vegetables, toilet paper, cereal and other gifts to share with Samaritan Ministries.

BEGINNING MEDITATION GROUP

Join Pastor Lia and John Kernodle for a beginning meditation group on Wednesday mornings during Lent, through March 23. The meditation is in chairs (and weather permitting, the 23rd, we'll do a walking meditation). Join us in the Church office at 10:00 am.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday night suppers will continue through May 11th, at 5:30, excepting Holy Week (March 23rd). Please RSVP by calling the church office at (336) 245-8914 or by emailing Don at robersdg@wfu.edu.

DELIBERATIVE DIALOGUE SERIES

The Deliberative Dialogue workshop series is proving to be a success. Each week more than 30 people are gathering to learn the deliberative dialogue method which is a vehicle to develop and enhance our democratic capacities:

- to communicate across differences
- to view a complex issue from multiple perspectives
- to discover viable solutions based on shared values

It can also serve as a vehicle to tackling some of our greatest challenges and determining a path forward. It is a hopeful alternative to the polarized social and political environment in which we find ourselves, and gives voice to all participants, including those who feel their perspectives have been neglected or ignored.

Those involved are excited to put what they are learning to work with our church family and in our community.

NOTES OF THANKS

Wake Forest University School of Divinity thanks the Wake Forest Baptist family for our gift to the school's annual fund. Christie Dalton writes, "All of us here at Wake Divinity are grateful for your faithful generosity."

Senior Services wrote a note of thanks for 20 years of faithful donations. They write, "Your generous gift will go to work immediately to provide vital assistance for our community's frail elderly." They continue, "Here at Senior Services, our goal is to provide services that help Forsyth County's elderly in need stay at home as long as possible—living with dignity, regardless of their ability to pay."

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