

# The PISGAZETTE

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## “A Stones Throw”

Hopefully you are receiving this before January 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday worship. If so thanks for being flexible last weekend with our snow days! We must have needed to slow down. I can't wait to see everyone this Sunday as our Youth share with us about their Gatlinburg experience in worship and video.

On Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> we began the season of Lent with our traditional Ash Wednesday service. Someone has said that, with our Ash Wednesday confession, this is the most honest service in the entire year. It is a very special service, when we are able to live in gratitude as we claim the freedom of forgiveness that only He can give us. Our Youth will be leading us in special skits throughout this season. What a blessing to have them and to watch them as their faith grows in a their relationship to a living, loving Savior. On Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> we will be blessed to share in Confirmation with nine of our youth!

I hope and pray that you will take advantage of all these special Wednesday night dinners and services in this Holy Season. In our church family we experience one example after another of our Lord's presence and love. It does mean everything in the world to be able to come together as a family of faith and to stand beneath the cross of Christ to find new strength and courage.

### **Sundays in February are so special too:**

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> we have Youth Sunday with a special skit by our Youth.

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> we are blessed to have Robin Cogan share a word with us. Robin and Rev. Tom Cogan are members at Pisgah – Tom is chaplain at the Lutheran Homes. Robin recently retired from 30 years teaching music in the public schools. She is currently attending Wartburg Seminary for a three year Diaconal ministry degree (see inside for more info) I am serving as her mentor in this program and we at Mt. Pisgah are the beneficiaries of her shared ministry with us during this time.

Wed. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> we are blessed to have the African Children's choir with us –if interested in hosting please contact Sundays February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> - Under the light of our cross I will speak about the CROSS of Christ.

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> is Youth Sunday with their Lenten drama

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> we are blessed to have the Choir lead us in an Easter Cantata

Holy week starts with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services and culminates with our Lord's Resurrection celebration March 27<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars you don't want to miss a thing!

In His Risen love and Presence,  
Pastor Mike

**Wednesday Lenten Dinner 5:15-6:15 ... Lenten Worship Service 6:30-7:00**

Feb 10 Breakfast (Youth & Children)



Feb 17 BBQ (Outreach & Evangelism)

Feb 24 Hotdogs & Hamburgers  
(Fellowship & Finance)----  
African Children Choir

Mar 2 Taco Bar (Worship & Property)

Mar 9 Lasagna (Christian Ed & Stewardship)

Mar 16 Pizza (Youth & Church Council)

\* New members class Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 9:15-10:15 AM (downstairs room 100 with Pastor Mike)

(KIC and Women's Bible Study will be going on from 5:45 -6:30 throughout Lent.)

**Budget and Attendance Information**  
**For the Month of January 2016**

Needed Weekly	\$ 7,296.10
Offering for January (3 weeks)	\$18,676.66
B2B3 Building Fund	\$ 2,905.85

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**The Good Samaritan Food Pantry**

Food for the month of **February** is soup and crackers, pork -n- beans, dried bean and rice peanut butter, Jelly, tuna, vegetables, canned chicken, canned green beans, canned tomatoes, mac and cheese, and Jams. Food stamp recipients cannot buy health items with food stamps so laundry detergent, shampoo and paper products (**especially toilet paper & soap**) are always needed and appreciated.



The Food Pantry is open on:  
 Monday 3:00-5:00 PM  
 Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM.

**Breakfast Club Schedule 2016**

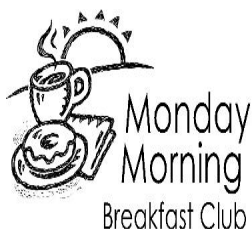
Feb. 1 out to eat  
 Feb 8 Rector Group  
 Feb 22 Osborne Group

Mar 7 out to eat  
 Mar 14 Perry Group  
 Mar 28 Easter Monday ---No Meeting

April 4 out to eat  
 April 11 Boyd Group  
 April 25 Huffman Group

May 2 out to eat  
 May 9 Rector Group  
 May 23 Osborne Group

June 6 out to eat  
 July 11 out to eat  
 Aug 1 out to eat



Monday @ 9:00 AM

**Altar Guild Volunteer 10:30 Service**  
**For the year of 2016**

February Sybil & Jim Good



**Lay Assistants for 2016**



**8:00**

**10:30**

February Mia Johnson David Harkey

**2016 Ushers**

**8:00 Ushers**

**10:30 Ushers**

Tony & Margo Elder

We have a few months still available .....If you want to participate/be a usher, please contact Libby Sigmon and let her know what month would work best for you.



**Check us out on the web!!!** Our website has been updated and we want to know what you think? Find us at [www.mtpisgahelca.org](http://www.mtpisgahelca.org) Leave us a message on our Facebook page and tell us your thoughts and ideas. Keep in touch with your church family and friends on Facebook! If you have something to contribute, email to [mtpisgahelca@gmail.org](mailto:mtpisgahelca@gmail.org) Mt. Pisgah is such a caring community, these are ways we can keep in touch!

\* Sunday Sermon on now on web!

**Read More Online**



## Men's Bible Study

We are back at it in the New Year  
Join us!

Tuesday(s) 5:30-6:30

Studying --- "Mark" see you there.



**Men's Bible Study**

## Weddings for the 2016 Year

July	9 <sup>th</sup>	Tessa Stafford
October	8 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie & David
November	12 <sup>th</sup>	Alex & Russell



Dear Confirmation Parents,

It has been such a blessing to have your child in Confirmation. We have all been blessed with life changing memories and a faith-filled connection with God for life. This class of young people are extra special. That is why I want to make their March Confirmation so memorable.

The dates for these more to celebrate their Confirmation is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Confirmation Banquet and Sunday April 24 for Confirmation Sunday. If you could do several things: by Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, please gather 12-30 pictures from baby to now for the video; have your child prepare a rough draft of their faith papers and begin to check with family and friends as to who can join us for Confirmation Banquet—so that we get closer to a number to expect.

Besides our Wednesdays nights, I will be meeting with each of the Confirmands in late February to go over their Faith Papers as well as to discuss their personal faith journeys. It is such a blessing to share in ministry with them and you.

Blessing In Christ

Pastor Mike

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**Join us for the  
Alexander County Senior Center  
Bible Study**

8:30-9:30 AM Wednesday(s)

We dig in to the Gospel of Mark With Pastor Mike Stone



## Adult Sunday School News



Grab your cup of coffee and meet with us in Upper Room at 9:15AM.

January Leaders will be discussion a new series called "The Blessing".

Join us!

Books on sale in the Narthex Hall \$5.00

## New Members Class

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 9:15-10:15 in room #100 with Pastor Mike**

We are so blessed to have new members join with us.



### **New Members Class**

They will be received on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wednesday Night Lenten Service.

## **First Communion Class**

Our First Communion Class will be Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 10-1:00 (with lunch). At least one parent is asked to attend. Pastor Mike and Crystal Cook will be leading this so please let them know or call the office if you plan to attend or have any questions. (First Communion will be celebrated with families on Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> )



## **Youth Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>**

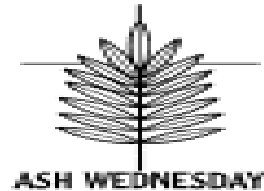
Youth Dance  
Like last year but better!

**Sound Storm** will be with us. Food 6:30 – 7:00  
Music 7:00 -9:30 PM  
Join us for a fun night!

Parents bring or make sure your teenager brings a dish /drink to share.

## **Lent comes early this year!**

Make plans to join us as we begin our Lenten journey together on Ash Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Dinner 5:15-6:15 service 6:30-7:00



This year our youth will lead us with special dramas and skits, during our Wednesday Service.

## **Daisy Girl Scouts --- for young Girls**

**(5-6 years old)**

Our Girl Scouts "Daisy" Troop is meeting here at Mt. Pisgah in the old choir room downstairs on Monday(s) 6:30 -7:130 PM. This is open to all girls kindergarten – first grade. Join Us!

Scout leader: Duranda Hedrick

## **Women's Book Club**

Questions about book club? Contact Patti Simmons at [espc4u@centurylink.net](mailto:espc4u@centurylink.net). Come join us!! Our Next Meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> h We will discuss the book "What Alice Forgot" Ellen Perry will be leading the discussion of our book "



Dear Pastor Mike and Church Council,

Thank you for your generous gift to my student account at Wartburg Theological Seminary. It is with gratitude that I accept your financial gift of support for the 2015-2016 year of which I am in the midst of. I thank God for my church family at Mt. Pisgah and I covet your prayers as I continue my seminary journey.

With gratitude,  
Robin Cogan

## Women's Bible Study

Monday(s) @ 10:00 AM  
Wednesday(s) @ 6:15 PM  
Join Us!

Pricilla Shirer: The Armor of God

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you. A conning devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you—your emotions, your mind, your family, your future.

But His reign stops right here, right now. With you.

The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. A woman who is armed and dangerous.

- \* Learn to be strong in the Lord and I the strength of His might(Eph. 6:100
- \* Discover what to wear to ensure victory and employ the secret weapon to stop the devil in his tracks.
- \* Take advantage of your position in Christ and experience the tangible, long-term effects of victory in practical, everyday living.

Join Pricilla Shirer for a Bible study atht will bring to light he war around you and challenge you to suit up, stand firm, and secure victory in your life.

God Bless  
Yvonne Osborne  
Join Us!



## **Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church** **9379 NC Hwy 127** **Hickory, NC 28601**



For Youth Mission Trip  
Youth Yard Sale  
Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (6-12:00 Noon)

For only **\$50.00** you can purchase a space and table to sell all your unwanted treasures, and you get to keep your profit. All the marketing and advertising will be done for you!

If you have big items or items that you want to donate to youth and have them sell we will go pick-up. (if we do pick-up the funds made from items will go to the youth program)

**Contact If interested 495-8251**

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**Thank You.....**

Dear Mt. Pisgah

We would like to thank you for supporting our Angel Tree. Your gifts were wonderful and I know our kids would loved them. It was also very appreciated that Sybil Good was able to deliver the gifts to us! We are so thankful for your church and continued support.

God Bless,  
Megan Hildebran  
Catawba DSS.



## Our Lenten Journey Together

Join us for our very special Ash Wednesday Service as we share dinner 5:15-6:15 PM. and then our Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes Service together.

Wednesday we will have Lenten dinners 5:15-6:15 PM and then Services 6:30-7:00 PM led by our youth.

On Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> we will be blessed to be led by the Ugandan African Children Choir. In Lent starting on February 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Mike will be sharing in sermons special “cross-talks” as we look at all that the cross really means to us. Make this Lenten Season a blessing for you and your family as you join with us for this time together.



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### Lenten Meals

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Feb 17 BBQ (Outreach & Evangelism)  
Feb 24 Hotdogs & Hamburgers  
(Fellowship & Finance)----  
African Children Choir

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Dearest Mt. Pisgah Family,

Many of you do not know me and I want to introduce myself to you. First of all, my husband, Tom Cogan, and I joined Mt. Pisgah in 2014. Tom is an ordained ELCA pastor and in 2014 he accepted the call to be the Chaplain at Trinity Village and Trinity Ridge in Hickory. Currently we live in Salisbury but will eventually move to Hickory. I worship at the 10:30 service most Sunday mornings and sit with my parents, Bruce and Maxine Hall. When I am not worshipping at Mt. Pisgah, I volunteer as the worship accompanist at the 11:00 a.m. service at Trinity Village

Tom and I are the proud parents to Josh Cogan (married recently to Gina) who lives in Dallas, Texas and Amanda Coward (married two years ago to Stephen) who lives in Shelby, North Carolina.

Currently I am in my first year of seminary as a Distributed Learner through Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa working on a Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry. In 1999, I felt a tug to enter some form of ministry and began exploring what that looked like with the North Carolina Synod. In 2001, I attended the Diaconal Ministry Formation event at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and began entertaining the call to bridge the community with the church by reaching out to at-risk youth through the arts.

As I continue the process of seminary, I must say that I began my faith formation at Mt. Pisgah what seems a long time ago in the “little white church” where I was baptized at three weeks of age. I was part of the last class to be confirmed in the old church and if you look at the historical photo in Mt. Pisgah’s archives, I am the shortest one on a row by myself.

I look forward in becoming more involved in the ministry of Mt. Pisgah and sharing with you about my seminary experience as I get to know you better. Most importantly, I covet your prayers and support as I continue my journey of faith as a seminarian.

Blessings,  
Robin Cogan



## **Kid's In Christ - (3 years – 6th grade)**



### ***Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars***

**Wednesday night's KIC** – We have only a few more Wednesday nights left until Ash Wednesday so please join us. Meal 5:45 to 6:20 and program 6:20 until 7:30.

**Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** – Kids sing during the **10:30 service and Skateland** - Join us for an afternoon of skating from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Skateland in Hickory (\$15.00 includes admission, skates and spending money). See you at the rink!

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Is Happy Valentine's Day at Mt. Pisgah** – We love because he first loved us!! Kid's will sing during the 10:30 service and have special gifts for everyone at the door!

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** – **Jonas Ridge Snow tubing** - This activity is for all 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders, however younger children are invited to come with parents (6 and under must tube with parent). Cost is \$35.00 for tubing and lunch. Please see Crystal to sign up for this event.

**\*Mark your calendar\*** our annual 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Memorial Weekend Retreat is quickly approaching. This year's retreat is the FAITH Retreat and will be May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to sign up for this event is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see Crystal for more information!

## **Sunday School!**

***A special thank you to these teachers for yet another year of volunteering and all your hard work and dedication to our Mt. Pisgah children!***

Preschool through Kindergarten – Kelly Daughtrey, Kathryn Tesh & JoAnna Talley  
1<sup>st</sup> grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – April Childress and Olivia Daughtrey  
4<sup>th</sup> grade - 6<sup>th</sup> grade - Fran Cook and Jessica Cook

***I, along with all the teachers, am blessed and grateful for all our children who participate in Sunday and Wednesday night activities. Thank you parents/grandparents who bring them! Such a special blessing!***

***Thank you to everyone who worked so hard practicing and participating in the Christmas Program. You all were amazing and your singing was phenomenal! I am so proud of each and every one of you! A special shout out to April, Fran, Kathryn, Kelly, JoAnna and Olivia for all your efforts into making it a wonderful program and making so many memories for our little ones!***

If you have any questions or need a ride to any of the events, please call text or email me anytime. Jesus loves you and so do I! Crystal (228-1306 or crystal1234cook@gmail.com)





# Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

## Worship Worksheet For February 2016

Date: 2/7/2016 "Transfiguration of Our Lord" -----Holy Communion-----White  
 Sermon "Transformed"

Entrance	# 502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	
Confession	# 94	
Hymn of the Day	# 532 "Gather Us In"	
Children's Sermon	Pastor Mike	
Communion	# 779, 778	
Closing Hymn	# 671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"	
Altar Guild	Sybil & Jim Good	Offering Steward: Don Hefner
Assisting Minister	Mia Johnson	10:30 David Harkey
Usher	Tony & Margo Elder	10:30
Crucifer & Acolyte	Jenna Briggs	

Date: 2/14/2016 "First Sunday in Lent" -----Holy Communion-----Purple  
 Sermon Youth Skit "Love"

### Youth Sunday

Altar Guild	Sybil & Jim Good	Offering Steward: Don Hefner
Assisting Minister	Mia Johnson	10:30 David Harkey
Usher	Tony & Margo Elder	10:30
Crucifer & Acolyte	Jenna Briggs	

Date: 2/21/2016 "Second Sunday in Lent" -----Holy Communion-----Purple  
 Sermon Robin Cogan

Entrance	# 793 "Be Thou My Vision"	
Confession	# 94	
Hymn of the Day	# 414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"	
Children's Sermon		
Communion	# 810, 769	
Closing Hymn	# 536 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"	
Altar Guild	Sybil & Jim Good	Offering Steward: Don Hefner
Assisting Minister	Mia Johnson	10:30 David Harkey
Usher	Tony & Margo Elder	10:30
Crucifer & Acolyte	Jenna Briggs	

Date: 2/28/2016 "Third Sunday in Lent" -----Holy Communion-----Purple  
 Sermon "The Cross"

Entrance	# 338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"	
Confession	# 94	
Hymn of the Day	# 336 "Lamb of God"	
Children's Sermon	Pastor Mike	
Communion	# 574, 471	
Closing Hymn	# 705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"	
Altar Guild	Sybil & Jim Good	Offering Steward: Don Hefner
Assisting Minister	Mia Johnson	10:30 David Harkey
Usher	Tony & Margo Elder	10:30
Crucifer & Acolyte	Jenna Briggs	



