

# The PISGAZETTE

A publication of Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

March 2016

## “A Stones Throw”

March is here and we find ourselves in the midst of the season of Lent. I hope and pray that you are enjoying the special “Wednesday(s)” night dinners and services in this Holy Season.

We have one experience after another of our Lord’s presence and love. In these times it means everything in the world to be able to come together as a family of faith and for us to stand ”beneath the cross of Christ” to find new strength and courage.

Spring brings the hope and joy of new life which we truly celebrate this Easter. I can’t wait to shout out in full confidence and joy the Easter words, “Christ is Risen” – “He is Risen Indeed!”

Mark your calendars you don't want to miss any of the special times together!

In His Risen love and Presence,

Pastor Mike

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

Mar 2 Taco Bar (Worship & Property)

Mar 9 Lasagna (Christian Ed & Stewardship)

**“A serious and funny look at Fasting”** – Listen to what our youth are doing.

Mar 16 Pizza (Youth & Church Council)

**Director of Safe Harbor Ministries, Vicki Murray shares as well as a testimonial from a life that was saved.**

**Youth- Sat. March 12<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 at Village Inn dinner and then practice Lenten drama (and football)**

**Wed March 23<sup>rd</sup>-6:00 at church-dinner and practice for Maundy Thursday**

### Holy Week

Thurs. March 24<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 pm –Light dinner in Celebration Hall—a very special service as we break bread and share as Jesus and his disciples did on that First Holy Meal.

Fri. March 25<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service @6:30 pm—A powerful Worship-Tenebrae Service-It is impossible to really rejoice at the empty tomb if you have not taken time out at the foot of the Cross

Sun. March 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday---Join us for  
8:00 am Sunrise Service  
9:00-10:00 Breakfast—thanks to the men’s group of Mt. Pisgah!  
10:30 Easter Service

### “He is Alive & He is Here!”

- Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> First Communion Class 10:00-1:00 Please let Pastor Mike or Crystal know if you can join us
- Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> Confirmation. We celebrate with our 9 confirmands: Andrew Kunze, Meredith Rogers, Emily Mawyer, Baily Tesh, Carter Pennell, Karter Peek, Cody Nussbaumer, Casey Talley and Emma Farmer. What a special Sunday this will be. There will be gift bags in the Narthex—for you to give them a remembrance gift or a note of congratulation... Thanks

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

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

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**The Good Samaritan Food Pantry**

Food for the month of **March** is canned tuna and crackers, pork -n- beans, dried bean and rice peanut butter, Jelly, soups, 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.

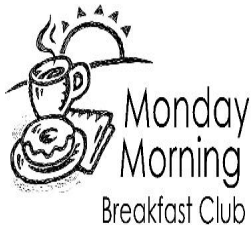
**Breakfast Club Schedule 2016**

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**

March Courtney & Luke Clinard  
 April Jana Creed  
 May Sherrie & Jeff Davis  
 June Mickey Adair  
 July Meredith Priestley  
 Aug. Ruth Harkey  
 Sept Caroline Farmer  
 Oct Hilda Yager  
 Nov Shawn Frank & Shannon Pham  
 Dec Lisa Cozart



 Lay Assistants for 2016

	<b><u>8:00</u></b>	<b><u>10:30</u></b>
March	Debbie Sipe	
Josh Hughes		
April	Beth Patterson	Matt Bendzinski
May	Janice Simmons	James Adair
June	Lori Reed	Faye Stafford
July	Margo Mosley	Patti Simmons
Aug	Connie Killian	Yvonne Osborne
Sept	Donovan Douglas	Jen Tice
Oct	Margo Elder	Paul & Gina Lingle
Nov	David Moser	Scott Frank
Dec	Evelyn Robinette	David Land

**2016 Ushers**

	<b><u>8:00 Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 Ushers</u></b>
March	Beth & Jack Patterson	David & April Land
April	Donovan & Andrea Douglas	Joel, Jessica Kunze & family
May	Billy & Mia Johnson	Kyle & Terri Setzer
June	Evelyn Robinette & Dolores Bolick	Hilda Yager & James & Mickey Adair
July	Steve & Penny Dagenhart	Yvonne Osborne, Meredith Priestley & Heather Brashears
Aug	Darrell & Libby Sigmon	
Sept	Don & Sandy Hefner	Brenda Abernathy, Kathey Sigmon & Michael Farmer
Oct		April Land & Paul & Gina Lingle
Nov	Tim & Cathy Thick	
Dec		

We have a few months still available .....If you want to participate/be a usher, please contact Meredith Priestley 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.com](mailto:mtpisgahelca@gmail.com) Mt. Pisgah is such a caring community, these are ways we can keep in touch!



\* Sunday Sermon on now on web!

**Men's Bible Study**

Join us as we continue marching our way through the book of **Mark** on 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

*Upcoming Weddings*



**Adult Sunday School News**

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

Our March leaders will be discussing the book and video of the Lenten focus "**Final Words From the Cross**" by Adam Hamilton.

Join us for this special time together.  
Books are available

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 April 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, March 2 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 March 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

**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



**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>)



**Join Us for Our Lent Service**

Make plans to join us during our Lenten journey.  
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.

**Lenten Meals**

- Mar 2 Taco Bar (Worship & Property)
- Mar 9 Lasagna (Christian Ed & Stewardship)
- Mar 16 Pizza (Youth & Church Council)



**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> We will discuss the book "What Alice Forgot" Ellen Perry will be leading the discussion of our book "



## 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 in the strength of His might (Eph. 6:10)
- \* 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 that will bring to light the 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**

## Our Lenten Journey 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 28<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.





**Sunday School at Mt. Pisgah**

9:00-9:15 in Celebration Hall breakfast food for all ages (donuts & coffee).

9:15-9:20 Prayers/Blessings  
(please sign in and write down names & addresses for prayer cards)

9:20 all ages: Children and teens leave for classes.

**YAH:** Class goes to the upper room to discuss book and video "The Grave Robber"  
Books are available

**Mt. Pisgah's Dabbing Preschoolers**

Mt. Pisgah's preschoolers caught Panther fever before the Super Bowl. While the preschool prides itself in preparing children for successfully entering public schools, there's always time for play, art projects, and developing social skills.

Our director, Linda Bloom, provides the experience, continuity, and creativity to ensure an outstanding preschool experience. We are blessed to have a certified teacher of Mrs. Bloom's caliber lead this program. There are classes for two age levels: three-year olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays while four-year olds have classes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Mt. Pisgah's preschool has opened registration for the 2016-2017 school. If you want your child to be a part of this highly regarded preschool, call Linda at Mt. Pisgah (495-8251) or at home (256-2503), or drop by the preschool to pick up an application.



**Easter Remembrance  
(Memorials - Honorariums)**

Every Easter season the people of God at Mt. Pisgah enjoy honoring loved ones with special remembrances. This year we would like to offer distinctive opportunities to remember or honor loved ones. Unlike years past, Mt. Pisgah had to pre-order Easter Lilies to grace our sanctuary. We have pre-ordered 25; they will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. Please remember that Easter Lilies need to be ordered no later than **March 20<sup>th</sup>** Make all checks payable to Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Easter Lilies** \$10.00 each How many \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Building Fund B2B3**

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

please deposit completed form with check payable to Mt. Pisgah in the offering plate.



**Safe Harbor Director Vicki Murray will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, March 10th at our Lenten Service**

Vicki was previously employed by Christ Church as the women's Head Gospel Coach and Life Group Coordinator. From 1996 until 2009, she served as the Showroom Manger of A-1 Tile, a retail and installation business founded by her husband, Chris in 1994. Previous to joining her husband, Vicki spent 19 years building a thriving business in direct sales . Through her journey with Princess House Products, Vicki realized her calling to help women become all that Christ created them to be. This calling led her to volunteer at Safe Harbor Rescue Mission where she led a bible study with women attending the day shelter. She fell in love with the ministry and served as the Resource Development Coordinator for 3 years.

Safe Harbor exists to create a Christ-centered community where women can work to rebuild their lives through immediate and long term programs. Safe Harbor serves women and children that are experiencing homelessness or poverty through their New Day Program and women that are in recovery in their year long Whole Woman Recovery Program. In addition to counseling, case management and classes, Safe Harbor offers transitional housing in their 16-unit apartment complex. Women in these programs are also offered "work therapy" through the two social enterprises - ReSource Warehouse and Gallery and Scents of Hope.

**Calling All Confirmands /Youth**  
**For your calendars!**

**Wednesday, March 2nd**---Join us for dinner and 6:30 worship/skit

Parents---quick meeting after worship on **Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** (upper room). By March 2<sup>nd</sup> parents of 9 Confirmands please have rough draft faith paper ready as well as 12-20 pictures. Please---thanks

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** 7-11:00 meet at Village Inn 7:00 dinner---practice Lenten Drama and football-- - also plans for April 8<sup>th</sup> overnight.

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** Youth Sunday-Lenten Drama Wednesday(s) March 2, 9, 16 ---Lenten service & dinner on **Wed. March 23**---dinner 6:00 practice for **Maundy Thursday on March 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Parents Thanks for your faithful participation.  
Our youth are Great!!

**Youth**

For your calendars,

We have our Mission camp trip to Jacksonville, Florida July 24-31. This is with Team Effort and the cost is \$200.00.

Kure Beach confirmation camp is July 14-17 with leadership 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Cost for Kure is \$120.00. Please sign up for camps asap.

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Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our Confirmation Banquet for our nine 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Younger confirmands are to help cook and serve that meal. Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April will be their confirmation. Parents of 10<sup>th</sup> graders if you have not yet please get baby pictures and other in to me ASAP (15-20 pics) of your child. Also they need to have a rough draft of their faith papers in to me February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Yard sale is April 9<sup>th</sup> --so save your stuff.

The Teens Encounter Christ weekend is on Labor Day Weekend September 3-5<sup>th</sup> for all current 9<sup>th</sup> graders and older to experience. This is a marvelous retreat and I look forward to sharing it with your teen as a spiritual director on the weekend.

Thanks so much for your prayers and partnership in this faith journey together. Our Lenten services are Wednesday(s) The Confirmands will be leading each Wednesday service with a short skit. Please share this time as a family with your child.

Thanks again for your faithfulness

Pastor Mike



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## Worship Worksheet For March 2016

Date: 3/6/2016 Fourth Sunday in Lent-----Holy Communion-----Purple

Sermon "The Cross"  
 Entrance # 324 "In The Cross of Christ I Glory"  
 Confession # 94  
 Hymn of the Day # 609 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"  
 Children's Sermon  
 Communion # 608 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"  
 Closing Hymn # 338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"  
 Altar Guild Courtney & Luke Clinard Offering Steward: Paul Lingle  
 Assisting Minister Debbie Sipe 10:30 Josh Hughes  
 Usher Jack & Beth Patterson 10:30 April Land, David & Lisa Cozart  
 Crucifer & Acolyte John Priestley

Date: 3/13/2016 "Fifth Sunday in Lent-----Holy Communion-----Purple  
 Sermon "Lenten Drama"

### Youth Sunday

Altar Guild Courtney & Luke Clinard Offering Steward: Paul Lingle  
 Assisting Minister Debbie Sipe 10:30 Josh Hughes  
 Usher Jack & Beth Patterson 10:30 April Land, David & Lisa Cozart  
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Date: 3/20/2016 Passion/ Palm Sunday-----Holy Communion-----Red

Entrance Choir Easter Cantata  
 # 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Children Sing / Procession  
 Confession # 94 at 10:30  
 Hymn of the Day # 656 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Easter Egg hunt during SS hour  
 Communion # 366, 376  
 Closing Hymn # 382 "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"  
 Altar Guild Courtney & Luke Clinard Offering Steward: Paul Lingle  
 Assisting Minister Debbie Sipe 10:30 Josh Hughes  
 Usher Jack & Beth Patterson 10:30 April Land, David & Lisa Cozart  
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Date: 3/27/2016 "Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday" -----Holy Communion-----White

Sermon EASTER  
 Entrance # 365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
 Confession # 94  
 Hymn of the Day # 367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"  
 Children's Sermon  
 Communion # 363, 376  
 Closing Hymn # 382 "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"  
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### Holy Week:

Maunder Thursday Service @ 6:30 PM (Dinner and Service)  
 Good Friday Service @ 6:30 PM  
 Sunrise Service @ 8:00 AM  
 Easter Breakfast @ 9:00-10:00 AM (provided by the men at Mt. Pisgah)  
 Easter Service @ 10:30 AM



He Is Risen