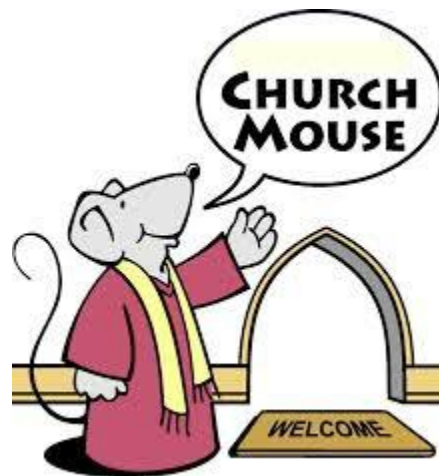


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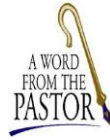


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PASTOR'S PASSAGE – Garland Hart

Dear Friends,

I surely enjoy participating in the Leadership Class of the Chamber of Commerce which began on January 26. There are about 20 participants. On February 2, the class met at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. Arriving at 8:00 a.m. the temperature was around freezing. We walked to the lower ropes course and spent our entire time together outdoors. We experienced several group tasks that required all of us working together to accomplish them. One in particular was a place with “stumps” in a circle. They were from one foot to a foot and a half tall from the ground. They were between 2 and 3 feet apart from one another. The goal for our group was to step from one “stump” to another one until all “stumps” had been stepped on by all of us. Our leader said if anyone preferred not to participate in this way, then that person could be a spotter. I looked at the height and distance of the “stumps.” I decided to be a spotter. Another participant also decided to be one too. We were on the ground level to help others step from one “stump” to another one. We could reach out and grab their hand or arm and hold onto them until they reached another “stump.” I enjoyed being a spotter.

At a Leadership Class session at the Putnam County High School the previous Thursday evening I learned that I was the oldest participant in the class. There was a woman who was two months younger than me. I didn't want to hurt myself with this task of hopping from one “stump” to another one. As it turned out I helped many in class get from one “stump” to another one. Also those on the “stumps” would hold hands with others to keep from falling off. After the goal was accomplished we sat down on the “stumps” and discussed what we learned. I wonder if the group could have accomplished this task if there had been no spotters.

One lesson I learned from this task was that everyone one of us was essential to accomplish this goal. We all had to work together. When given a task for a group of people there will be those in the group who will emerge as leaders. They will suggest what may be done in order for the task to be accomplished. I view the church community in like manner. We all need each other to accomplish the tasks God has given us. We all need each other's prayers and acknowledgement. Some within the church will arise as leaders. Another aspect is not giving up when a task is not accomplished on the first try. Every task our leadership team took required more than one try. Then when the task is completed the group can celebrate and give thanks to each other.

Yours in Christ, Garland

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dottie Alliston



	January 2017	YTD 2017
Income	\$9,808.47	\$9,808.47
Expenses	<u>\$11,669.37</u>	<u>\$11,669.37</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$1,860.90)	(\$1,860.90)

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me: deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me.

– Psalm 31:1-2

A donation from the Benevolence fund was recently made to the tornado victims in South Georgia.



PRAYER LIST

Prayer List: [Church Family]: Janet Sidwell, Frances Poole, Dave & Jeannine Malm, Aileen & Stan Broome, Bobby Hill, Hilda Spurlock, Toni Davis, Jimmy Jarrett, Dave Thomas, Amanda Paulk.

[Friends]: D Ridley (friend of many of our EPC Family), Chipper & Allison Yates (family of Toni & Monty Davis), Chris Malm (son of Dave & Jeannine Malm), Kenneth Holmes (father-in-law of Christa Holmes), Judy Knight, Loretta Meeks (friend of Jim & Madelyn Wharton), Amanda Paulk (daughter of Don & Celia Vincent), Terry Shupe, Tom Spivey (uncle of Sheridan Qualls), Joyce Walker (sister of Bubba Gunn).



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The pastor and an elder will be serving Communion to the residents of the Harbor Nursing Home and to Stan and Aileen Broome at the Savannah Court Nursing Home on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Presbyterian ministers in our region of the Presbytery will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, February 21, at 8:30 a.m. at the Huddle House here in Eatonton. Presbytery is encouraging ministers in the different regions of the presbytery to gather periodically in order to get to know one another.

The movie, "Amish Grace", will be shown in the Church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 22, following a Soup and Sandwich meal at 6:00 p.m. The movie is the inspirational true story of forgiveness. On October 2, 2006, a thirty-two-year-old gunman entered a one room school in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. Ordering the boys and other adults to leave, the killer opened fire and shot the 10 remaining girls execution-style, killing five and leaving the others critically wounded. He then shot himself as police stormed the building. Before the sun had set on that awful October day, members of the Amish community brought words of forgiveness to the family of the one who had slain their children. This is a story of how forgiveness transcends tragedy. Those who plan to come are to sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

The next Stated Meeting of Northeast Georgia Presbytery will be on Saturday, February 25, at the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Georgia. Susie G'Segner and Jim Wharton are Elder Commissioners who will be attending this meeting.



ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.

The Adoptive/Foster Parent Association of Putnam County will meet on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

A Dramatic Presentation of the Lord's Supper will be given on Maundy Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Seven more guys are needed to portray the disciples of Jesus. The Set will consist of the Lord's Table with the Disciples and Jesus gathered around it. Each disciple will stand up and give a monologue. If you would like to be a disciple, then please contact the pastor. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed following the Presentation.









Cindy Womack, president of the Adoptive/Foster Parent Association of Putnam County gave our church a children's book entitled The Legend of the American Eagle from All Angels Episcopal Church. The author is Barbara Anne Rogers, an active member of All Angels Episcopal Church. She holds a lifelong fascination with American history and, in particular, the American Revolutionary War. She lives in Eatonton. The book is published by Southern Lion Books Children's Publications of Madison, Georgia.

The church Benevolence Fund contributed to the tornado victims in South Georgia and assisted one local family who needed assistance with propane to heat their home.





February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					 Travis Bridges	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Session Meeting 1:30	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00  Jeannine Malm and Levi Miller				Mouse Articles Due	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	 Jack & Judy Youree Valentine's Day				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00  Joan Warren	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	 Madelyn Wharton	Dinner & a Movie 6:00			NE GA Presbytery Meeting
26	27	28				
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00  David Thomas	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	Adoptive/Foster Parent Assoc. Meeting 6:30				
notes	 Birthday  Anniversary					





March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Bubba Gunn		Beth Alford and Nicolas Sturm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Session Meeting 1:30 Russell Thomas	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00 Jim Morgan	Spivey Davis and Emily Morgan	J.T. Sidwell	Jack Youree	Mouse Articles Due Christie Sturm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00			Fred Floyd	Thomas Davis St. Patrick's Day	Tyler Alliston
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SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00 Sydney Montgomery					
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