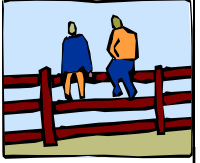


# The Gate Post

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## Pastor's Corner



Friends of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church,

In case anyone is getting a little suspicious that the church may have forgotten about Easter this year, please do not worry. Easter just comes late this year. I imagine this probably frustrates our department stores and retailers who would like to use valuable shelf space to merchandise grass seed, fertilizers, and garden supplies, but for now, the high traffic isles have to be kept full of chocolate bunny rabbits and Easter baskets. That's fine with me. When it comes to seasonal candy, you can't beat the all American jelly bean. OK, coconut and pecan eggs are good too.

Every year someone inevitably asks, "Preacher, why does the date of Easter change?" The date of Easter changes because it is based on the Jewish festival of Passover which is determined by the lunar calendar. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Therefore, the date of Easter Sunday moves from year to year. Easter can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. Well, guess what; this year Easter comes one day short of the latest possible date, on April 24. I have determined that the best way to figure out the date of Easter is to consult the calendar.

Nevertheless, the season of Lent is always forty days long and we will be observing the season of Lent

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

throughout most of March as it begins on March 9th on Ash Wednesday and doesn't conclude until Easter Sunday on April 24. What you might ask is the significance of forty days? In biblical terms forty is a round number symbolizing fullness—a span of time sufficient to accomplish what needs to be done. For instance, rain fell in Noah's time for forty days and nights until everything was under water. Nineveh was given forty days in which to repent. Probably the most relevant to Lent, is Jesus fasting and enduring temptation in the wilderness for forty days.

In the early church, forty days was the time sufficient for converts to make their final intensive preparation for baptism. And while we should always be alert for inquirers who are just beginning to test the waters of becoming Christian, the truth of the matter is that Lent is just as much for those who are already baptized, who come to the church every Sunday for we are all in need of reassessment and renewal. Lent is the season of the year when we seek to examine ourselves in order to see the flaws within ourselves and to sense the need of repentance and God's grace. It's a time of disciplined prayer, fasting, and reading and meditation on Scripture.

Some people believe it's necessary to give up something for Lent as a form of fasting and self denial. And so they give up desserts, or sweets, or using the elevator. This certainly isn't a bad exercise, but it probably doesn't express a full understanding of Lent. An equally important exercise is to consider how we are presently responding to God's grace. Do we have our priorities in order. Are we seeking first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, or are we trying to serve two masters, God and something else. Lent is the season to repent and reorient our lives to loving God and loving our neighbor. Use this time wisely in preparing for Easter.

Shalom,

*Jim*

04	Miley Cook	19	Doris Mitchell
09	Arianna Picard	19	Athena Herold
11	Odell Rogers	20	Marlene Wiltshire
12	Butch White	20	Kathleen Rodgers
16	Kathy Wiltshire	27	Darian Killough

*If you would like to have you and/or your family added to the birthday list, please contact the church office, 704-821-8751*

## MARCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

06 SS - Heath Ferguson  
W - Linda Armes & Patty Ferguson

13 SS - Shirley Europa  
W - Joyce & Katie Younts

20 SS - Jennifer Weiveris  
W - Ida & Arianna Picard

27 SS - Sharon Carnes  
W - Jan Birchall & Alexis Torgersen



## MEN OF THE CHURCH NEWS

The month of February was another good gathering of 16 for breakfast on February 12th. We had a great breakfast, furnished and cooked by Chefs Kevin and Odell. The devotional was given by Floyd.

Richard gave the treasurer's report which showed one of our best donations for breakfast that brought our checking account up to \$1,072.20. A check was to be given to the Presbyterian Women for \$200.00 to help pay for bereavement meals.

Our mowing schedule is ready for posting, unless we have some more volunteers that would like to help us.

We discussed the possibility of providing help to underpin a mobile home. Scott gave a brief summary about what would be done after we received some answers to various questions about material and codes to follow. We also discussed the garden area that has been cleared across Park Road from the Fellowship Hall. We will see if there is any desire for some of our young people to try their hands at gardening, as well as maybe growing some corn, okra, turnips, asparagus and some other low maintenance crops. Odell may have a contact for borrowing some equipment, plus we are looking for a used tiller.

Our next breakfast is March 12th, with Chefs Kenny and Brian cooking up something good. Fred will do our devotional. Looks like we will be doing a spring clean up and the removal of some large shrubs at the church, if weather permits.

## MONTH OF MARCH

- 02 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 03 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 06 Communion Sunday, Crisis offering
- 06 Youth bowling
- 07 Circle #1 – Fellowship Hall @ 11:00 AM
- 07 Circle #2 – Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 PM
- 09 Ash Wednesday – **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- 09 Joint svc with IT United Methodist Ch. @ 7:00 PM
- 10 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 12 Men's Breakfast; 8:30 AM
- 13 Session Meeting 12:30 PM
- 13 Christian Ed Mtg. 3:00 PM
- 13 Youth Advisory Mtg. 4:00 PM
- 13 Youth Mtg. "To Save A Life:
- 16 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 17 Aikido Youth 6 - 7 PM
- 20 Youth 5:00 PM-Shop for Easter baskets
- 23 **NO BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor on Vacation
- 24 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 27 Youth 5:00 PM; Filling baskets & making cards
- 30 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 31 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM

## **AIKIDO YOUTH CLASSES**

The Aikido youth classes will be held on Thursdays, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. These classes are for youth ages 6 through 12. We welcome new students. If you have questions, or need further information, please call Scott Skeen at 704-701-1968.

## Presbyterian Women's News

Thanks to all the women who came to our February Circle meetings. We had a great turn out. The morning Circle enjoyed home-made soups, sandwiches, desserts and muffins. A great big THANK YOU to all the ladies who helped furnish the meal. The night Circle enjoyed meeting with Elaine Helms and enjoyed her dessert. Thanks to both Patt Moore and Doris Mitchell for their hard work in preparing to teach the bible study.

Our next Circle meetings will be Monday, March 7th. Circle #1 will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. Please bring a covered dish to share for lunch. Circle #2 will also meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. Please study lessons #7 and #8 in your study book.

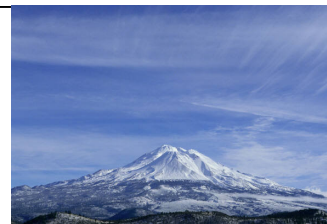
Please continue to save your items for Turning Point (shelter for battered women) and bring them to our May joint meeting.

Our sympathy goes out to Betty Rushing and her family in the death of her Father. Also our prayers are with Patt Moore who had surgery on her hand, Doris Mitchell who had surgery on her lip and leg and Millie Mumpower who had surgery on her neck. We wish all of you a speedy recovery.

We want to thank the men's group for their generous donation of funds to the Presbyterian Women to help them with meals when they are needed for members of our church.

Also, please continue calling, visiting and sending cards to our sick and shut-ins. They really appreciate it.

**Sandy Troutman**



## **ITPC 2011 Spiritual Retreat** **Celebrate Spiritual Fellowship & Worship in the North Carolina Mountains**

**Date:** May 13th-15th, 2011

**Where:** Montreat Conference Center - Reynolds House Montreat, NC

**Cost:** \$105.00 per person

### **Registration Form**

Please fill out the application below and mail your completed form to the Church along with a \$25.00 deposit. Checks are to be written in care of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church, Attention: Retreat Fund.

Final Payments need to be received by April 30, 2011.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Elder of the Month**

Odell Rogers

### **Attendance Coordinator**

Terry Johns

### **Ushers**

Katie Younts

Alexis Torgersen

Arianna Picard

Erin Tackett

### **Greeters**

Edna Alexander

Richard Timmons

### **Sound System**

Heath Ferguson



## **NURTURE AND CARE COMMITTEE**

**Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Reuben Tomberlin who died February 6, 2011.**

**At this writing, we have four people scheduled for surgery during the latter part of February: Leighton Wiltshire, Patt Moore, Millie Mumpower and Polly Rice Scott (Mother of Joie Edwards and Sandy Troutman). Please keep these and all our homebound members in your prayers.**

**Ney Killough is now at Lawyers Glen and can have visitors and phone calls anytime. He can be reached at:**

**Lawyers Glen Assisted Living Center  
10830 Lawyers Road, Room 306  
Mint Hill, NC 28227**

**704-545-0555 Ext. 3061**

**Margie Timmons  
Chairperson**

## **Please Remember our Special Members**

**Oscar Wentz**—4848 Old Monroe Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-8059

**Dot Killough**—1219 Anniston Place, Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 234-0324

**Helen Tracy**—Regency Retirement Village, 9120 Willow Ridge Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210 (704) 541-8768

**Polly Kinard**—1213 NW 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 (405) 528-0947

**Willene Maness**—20 Exeter Dr., Chandler, NC 28715

**Stacie Houser**—733 Plantation Estates Rd., OBT 206, Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 849-7780

**Alice Hester**—733 Plantation Estates Dr., Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 708-5230

**Frances Vickery**—209 Chestnut Ln., Matthews, NC 28104 (704) 821-7335

**Ney Killough**—Lawyers Glen Assisted Living Center, 10830 Lawyers Rd., Room 306, Mint Hill, NC 28227 (704) 545-0555 Ext 3061

**Paul & Bobbie Stinson**—14851 Rexford Chase Ct., Matthews, NC 28104 (704) 893-0786

**Gene Houser**—718 Deese Rd., Monroe, NC 28110 (704) 283-9191

**Lane Vickery**—PO Box 208, Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-9973

**Pauline White**—8012 Fairview Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 882-2521

**Sarah Brown**—4831 McAlpine Lane, Charlotte, NC 28212 (704) 536-4823

**Lucille Sheaff**—1609 Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-7498

**Doug Keller**—P. O. Box 1522, Matthews, NC 28106 (704) 882-3829

## The Presbytery of Charlotte Needs Your Help!

The Church Development Committee wants to staff its work groups with clergy and laity who have passion and gifts for ministry in particular areas. Work groups are temporary. Members function for 12 months. If you desire, re-up for another 6 to 12 months. Are you interested in serving God thru work with the presbytery? Do you know of others interested? Contact Warren Lesane at: [waren.lesane@presbyofcharlotte.org](mailto:waren.lesane@presbyofcharlotte.org) or call Warren at the Presbytery office at 704-535-9999 ex. 215

**Transformation Work Group** - is looking for people whose lives are being transformed by the Power of the Holy Spirit and who have a passion for helping our churches transform in making disciple-making their number-one priority.

**Immigrant Ministry Work Group** is looking for Christians with a heart to reach out to and respond to first and second-generation populations new to the United States. We want people who are advocates for justice, full inclusion and willing to listen, learn and become culturally competent while allowing them to experience God through a new set of lenses.

**New Church Development Work Group** is seeking Committed Christians who want to engage in discerning the will of God concerning intentionally planting of new missions, fellowship and churches.

**Multicultural Work Group** - is searching for persons who can visualize the Kingdom of God here on earth. These “thinking out of the box” individuals will work towards educating, creating and praying for our congregations to reflect the richness and diversity of the communities in which many of them are planted. .

## YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

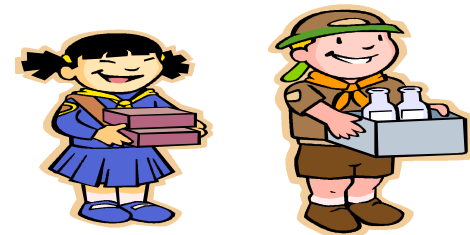
**MARCH 6 —Bowling at Carolina Lanes in Matthews; 5:00 PM**

**MARCH 13—”To Save A Life” bible study with Jennifer Weiveris; 5:00 PM**

**MARCH 20—Shop for Easter baskets for Union County Department of Social Services; 5:00 PM**

**MARCH 27—Fill baskets and make Easter cards; 5:00 PM**

***The Youth Advisory Committee will be meeting at 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 13th.***





Our Newest Baptized Member  
 Athena Kristara Herold  
 Baptized February 20, 2011

**Theme of 2011 Retreat**

**WHEN THE GAME IS OVER,  
 IT ALL GOES BACK IN THE BOX**

I can't make myself love God, but I can come to know him better. I can choose to be with him. I learn to see His goodness in creation and beauty. I take time to ask for his help as we work together. I see Him in the people with whom I meet. I hear His voice in what I read.

I ask His forgiveness for the many times I mess up. I thank Him at the end of the day for his presence in it. I can spend this day loving God, and tomorrow I can seek to love Him a little more.

This is a life "rich toward God."



**TREASURERS REPORT  
 January 2011**

	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>General Operating</b>		
General Fund Income	18,380.83	18,380.83
Rental Income	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>18,430.83</b>	<b>18,430.83</b>
General Fund Expenses	8,777.49	8,777.49
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<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b><u>8,777.49</u></b>	<b><u>8,777.49</u></b>
<b>Net General Fund Difference</b>	<b><u>9,653.34</u></b>	<b><u>9,653.34</u></b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Building Fund Deposits	<u>175.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
<b>Total Building Fund Income</b>	<b><u>175.00</u></b>	<b><u>175.00</u></b>
Building Fund Expenses	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
<b>Total Building Fund Expenses</b>	<b><u>.00</u></b>	<b><u>.00</u></b>
<b>Net Building Fund Difference</b>	<b><u>175.00</u></b>	<b><u>175.00</u></b>
Special & Designated Fund Deposits	<u>1,543.35</u>	<u>1,543.35</u>
<b>Total Spec. &amp; Desig. Funds Income</b>	<b><u>1,543.35</u></b>	<b><u>1,543.35</u></b>
Spec. & Desig. Fund Expenses	<u>69.71</u>	<u>69.71</u>
<b>Net Spec.&amp;Desig.Funds Difference</b>	<b><u>1,473.64</u></b>	<b><u>1,473.64</u></b>
Total Deposits	20,149.18	20,149.18
Total Expenses	<u>8,847.20</u>	<u>8,847.20</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND DIFFERENCES</b>	<b><u>11,301.98</u></b>	<b><u>11,301.98</u></b>

# MARCH 2011

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

2 Bible Study  
10 AM & 7 PM  
Choir 8 PM

3 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

4

5

*Jenna Huskey*

*Brandan Gantz*

6 Communion  
Crisis Offering

7 Circle #1-11:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
Circle #2—7:00 PM

8

9 Ash Wednesday  
Joint svc w/ITUMC @

10 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

11

12 Men's Breakfast  
8:30am

5:00 PM Youth bowl-  
ing

**NO BIBLE STUDY**

*Billy Huskey IV*

13 12:30 Session Mtg.  
3:00 Christian Ed.  
4:00 Youth Advisory  
5:00 Youth-To Save  
A Life Bible Study

14

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16 Bible Study  
10 AM & 7 PM  
Choir 8 PM

17 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM



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19

*Jim Johns*  
*Chrissy McConaughy*

20 5:00 PM Youth  
Shop for baskets for  
Union Co. Dept. of  
Soc. Svcs.

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23 **NO BIBLE STUDY**

24 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

25

26

*Kayla Killough*

*Margie Timmons*

*Mike White*  
*Scott Stinson*

27 5 Cent a Meal  
5:00 PM Youth-  
Filling baskets &  
making cards

28

29

30 Bible Study  
10 AM & 7 PM  
Choir 8 PM

31 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

*Ruth Keller*

*Millie Mumpower*

*Polly Kinard*