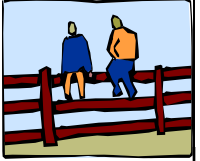


# The Gate Post

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## Pastor's Corner



Friends of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church,

Easter Sunday has come and gone. If you're like me, there are times when I find myself asking the question, "Did Easter really make a difference." You might be surprised that a pastor would even suggest that kind of a question. My initial response to that question is: "Of course it made a difference in my life and in every person who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord." Through Christ's death and resurrection, our sins have been forgiven, and death defeated for all eternity.

But what causes me to ask such a question is the almost constant turmoil we find the world in. We continue to live in a world plagued with war and rumors of war. We continue to live in a world where according to the World Health Agency; a billion people go to bed hungry every night, most of whom are children. Our newspapers constantly bombard us with news of political scandals, drug and sex trafficking, and rampant episodes of bullying in our schools. Are we presently any closer to the kingdom of God than we were two thousand years ago when an innocent teacher and evangelist was put to death on a cross?

I'm not ashamed to ask such a question. If the inspired authors of Holy Scripture can question God's presence in times of distress and calamity, I feel as though God can listen to my complaint. For instance, the opening words of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why

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have you forsaken me,” expresses the author’s extreme frustration at God’s apparent abandonment in time of need. And yet it’s God’s word and God’s promises that always address my questions of “Why,” with a message of hope and confidence in God’s good providence.

The prophet Joel wrote about a futuristic time in the history of Israel when God’s spirit would be poured out on all creation, and “old men shall dream dreams, and young men shall see visions.” (Joel 2:28) Dreams and visions are a gift from God and have unquestionably played an important role in God’s salvation history. They have also played an important role in the history of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church. In recent years with God’s help, someone dreamed a parking lot and it came into being. Someone dreamed a mission trip, a spiritual retreat, and a Men’s organization and they became reality. Someone dreamed a perpetual food drive, a Nurture and Care committee, and a process of working cooperatively with the Union County shelter to feed the hungry and all of these dreams have turned into blessings for God’s people. We were given a dream of hosting a Spanish mission and an opportunity to promote the sharing of the Gospel with our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ and our session embraced it with an understanding that this is what Jesus would want us to do. Hopefully, with God’s help, it too will prove to be a blessing to God’s kingdom on earth.

A politician in power during my lifetime once said, “Some people see things as they are and ask “Why?” I see things as they can be and ask, “Why not?” Call me an eternal optimist but I do believe we are closer today than ever before to the kingdom of God. Through the resurrection, we know the power of Christ’s love and the power of God’s Spirit. God has made us instruments of God’s grace and love to a broken world and given us the power to dream. What a wonderful gift.

Shalom,

*Jim*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Kenny Gantz	18	Jason Clark
5	Stacie Houser	20	Gail Thomas
12	Scott Vickery	23	Julianna Mumpower
15	Tradd Medford	25	Lois Gantz
15	Ethan Mumpower	25	Dawid Joubert
16	Anne Cook	31	Anna Joubert
17	Olivia Aldridge		

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

## MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE

01 SS - Katie Younts

W - Joyce & Katie Younts

08 SS - Jennifer Weiveris

W - Patty Ferguson & Suzanne Wiltshire

15 SS - Shirley Europa

W - Anne Cook & Elke Rogers

22 SS - Sharon Carnes

W - Ida & Arianna Picard

29<sub>15</sub> SS—Odell Rogers

W—Linda Armes & Jan Birchall



## MEN OF THE CHURCH NEWS

President Floyd welcomed 16 men at our breakfast meeting in April. It was a pleasure welcoming Jim Chewing to our group. Jim and Richard were thanked for a delicious breakfast and

Steve Pitt gave an inspiring devotional. Treasurer Richard Timmons reported that we currently have a balance of \$1000. 20 in the bank account.

In old business Kevin announced that we had a new Weed Eater and that he was working on acquiring a new blower. Under new business, President Floyd asked for volunteers to help with the Senior Luncheon on May 7. It was also decided that the men would purchase carnations again this year for the mothers in the congregation for Mother's Day. President Floyd reported that unfortunately, the ground in the newly plowed garden area has been too wet to plant. As soon as the ground has dried out sufficiently, seeding and planting would take place.

It was announced that the men would once again be selling sausage biscuits for breakfast at the yard sale switching to hot dogs later in the day. We should be watching the ads on drinks and making our purchases now. Lots of volunteers will be needed for this event. We also need volunteers for landscaping the front of the church later in the year.

Cooks for May are Chef Fred and Chef Frank with Chaplin Kenny G. delivering the devotional. The Men of the Church meet for breakfast on the second Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM. Come join us for good food, great conversation, and the opportunity to hear an inspiring message from the Word of God. All men are welcomed and encouraged to bring a friend.

## MONTH OF MAY

- 01 Communion Sunday, Crisis offering
- 02 Combined Circle Meeting @ 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall (salads)
- 04 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 05 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 06 Relay for Life Sun Valley HS Stadium; 6:00 PM
- 07 Senior Luncheon 12 Noon
- 08 Mothers' Day; Youth will not meet today
- 10 Session Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 12 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 13,14,15 Spiritual Retreat at Montreat, NC
- 14 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM
- 15 Rev. Hunter Roddey to preach
- 16 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30 PM
- 18 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 19 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 21 Yard Sale/Bake Sale; 7 AM—12 Noon; set up @ 5:00 AM
- 24 Feed Union County Homeless 4:30 PM
- 25 Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
- 26 Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
- 26 Decorate for VBS 6:00 PM
- 29 5 Cent a Meal Donation

## 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

We had a great turn out for our April meetings. The morning circle enjoyed a covered dish luncheon, and we appreciate Doris Mitchell for doing our Bible study. We missed Patt Moore, but glad to hear she is feeling better. Thanks to Sharon Carnes, Joyce Younts and Millie Mumpower for bringing food for the night circle. This year we have studied the book of Revelation. It was a very difficult Bible study, but Doris, Patt and JoAnne showed us that this book should not be scary, but that there is so much hope and love.

Our May 2nd meeting will be a joint meeting and our final meeting until next September. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM and everyone is asked to bring their favorite salad to share. We will have a short program and lots of fellowship. All women are encouraged to join us. Please remember to bring your items for Turning Point (shelter for abused women).

We want to thank all of our women who have so generously given of their time and talents this year. Thanks to all who helped with meals for funerals, those who visited, called and sent cards to our sick and shut-ins. We have a great bunch of women and our church is so fortunate to have everyone of you.

We want to thank Elaine Helms for always having our tables decorated so beautifully,

Millie Mumpower for being our moderator, Joyce Younts and Judy Baucum for being the Circle Chairs, Doris Mitchell, Patt Moore and JoAnne Mills for doing our Bible study, and all the women who always pitched in when asked. Please remember in your prayers, Barbara Cook who is having knee surgery, Abbie Pitt who is having shoulder surgery, Doris Mitchell who is having skin cancers removed, Lane Vickery, Pauline White (she is now at Hospice), Lucille Sheaff, and all of our shut-ins and others who are sick.

Hope everyone has a great summer

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**

Penny Bell

#### **Attendance Coordinator**

Shelia Herron

#### **Ushers**

Margie Timmons

Richard Timmons

Jeff Carnes

Terry Johns

#### **Greeters**

Alice Hilton

Lisa Hammersly

#### **Sound System**

Heath Ferguson



## NURTURE AND CARE COMMITTEE

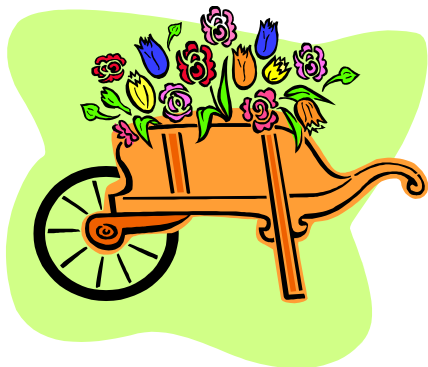
The Nurture & Care and Service & Fellowship Committees met together April 17th to make final plans for our Senior Luncheon to be Held May 7, 2011, at 12:00 noon. We will have a delicious lunch and entertainment by Lou and Jim Holmes and Marlene Ashman. Scott Stinson is preparing a new slide show.

The Men of the Church will greet and assist our guests from their cars into the Fellowship Hall.

Pauline White is now at Hospice of Monroe, located at 700 Roosevelt Blvd. W., Monroe, NC 28110

Please mark your calendars for our Senior Luncheon on May 7 at 12:00 noon. Plans are being made for a delicious meal and fun entertainment.

**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

## TERRY'S GARDEN

Dear Friends

So much has happened since my last garden report. Sadly, both the cucumbers and sweet basil did not survive the last cold spell of spring. Jim and I waited several weeks and replanted both. The newly planted cucumbers look healthy but the replanted sweet basil is looking “iffy” at best.

All the peonies I transplanted last fall (actually, Jim did all the digging and replanting) survived and are almost ready to bloom along with the Iris that Gene and Harold Houser gave me several years ago from their garden.

Last week two tons of dirt was delivered for me to begin working in the front yard . After applying the rich soil the flower beds were filled with Rollys Favorite Catchfly, Ascot Rainbow Euphorbia, Amethyst in Snow Bachelor’s Button, Harmony Blue Anemone, Dwarf Coreopsis, Rosie Cheeks Dianthus, Gallo Orange Blanket Flower, and Bellissima Red English Daisies. Under the Natchez Crepe Myrtle **and** in individual containers mint and lavender have been planted.

Finally, a few days ago the bird bath was cleaned and made ready for any birds that care to visit and are not frightened away by our cat Indy.

I believe the planting phase of this year’s garden is completed. I am most excited to sit back and enjoy the glorious array of flowers (oops forgot to mention I planted zinnias under my mailbox) and taste all the herbs and vegetables. I am very proud and excited to write that I actually have a very tiny cherry tomato in the process of turning red!

Until next month.....God’s Blessings on you and your garden.



Terry

## YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**May 6— We will meet at Sun Valley High School at 6 PM to participate in Relay for Life.**

**May 8—Will not Meet (Mother’s Day)**

**May 15—Meet in the Fellowship Hall to bake items for the Yard Sale.**

**May 22—Meet in the Fellowship Hall to decorate for Vacation Bible School**

**May 29—Will not meet due to Memorial Day Weekend**



Children of all ages are invited to praise God by singing songs, playing instruments, and just making a joyful noise. Children will be able to perform during worship service once we have had several practices. We meet every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come join the directors, Katie Younts and Arianna Picard. Hope to see you there. <sup>11</sup>



Eager Participants at the Easter Egg Hunt



Get Ready, Get Set, GO!



**TREASURERS REPORT**  
**March 2011**

	<b>MTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>General Operating</b>		
General Fund Income	7,709.25	34,803.58
Rental Income	<u>163.00</u>	<u>303.00</u>
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>7,872.25</b>	<b>35,106.58</b>
General Fund Expenses	8,605.13	25,118.24
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<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b><u>8,605.13</u></b>	<b><u>25,118.24</u></b>
<b>Net General Fund Difference</b>	<b><u>- 732.88</u></b>	<b><u>9,988.34</u></b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Building Fund Deposits	<u>81.20</u>	<u>544.47</u>
<b>Total Building Fund Income</b>	<b><u>81.20</u></b>	<b><u>544.47</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>81.20</u></b>	<b><u>544.47</u></b>
Special & Designated Fund Deposits	<u>1,233.00</u>	<u>4,578.15</u>
<b>Total Spec. &amp; Desig. Funds Income</b>	<b><u>1,233.00</u></b>	<b><u>4,578.15</u></b>
Spec. & Desig. Fund Expenses	<u>1,269.89</u>	<u>1,869.28</u>
<b>Net Spec.&amp;Desig.Funds Difference</b>	<b><u>- 36.89</u></b>	<b><u>2,708.87</u></b>
Total Deposits	9,186.45	40,229.20
Total Expenses	<u>9,875.02</u>	<u>26,987.52</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND DIFFERENCES</b>	<b><u>- 688.57</u></b>	<b><u>13,241.68</u></b>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Communion Crisis Offering 12:30 Retreat Comm. Mtg.</b>  <i>Kenny Gantz</i>	<b>2 Circle 1 &amp; 2 joint meeting @ 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite salad</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Bible Study 10 AM &amp; 7 PM Choir 8 PM</b>	<b>5 Aikido Children &amp; Youth 6-7 PM</b>  <i>Stacie Houser</i>	<b>6 Relay for Life at 6:00 PM Sun Valley High School stadium</b>	<b>7 Senior Luncheon 12 noon Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>8 MOTHERS' DAY</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10 Session Meeting @ 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>11 Bible Study 10 AM &amp; 7 PM Choir 8 PM</b>	<b>12 Aikido Children &amp; Youth 6-7 PM</b>  <i>Scott Vickery</i>	<b>13</b>  <i>Retreat</i>	<b>14 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am</b>  <i>Retreat</i>
<b>15 Rev. Hunter Roddy to preach</b>  <i>Tradd Medford Ethan Mumpower</i>	<b>16 VBS Planning Mtg. 6:30 PM</b>  <i>Anne Cook</i>	<b>17</b>  <i>Olivia Alridge</i>	<b>18 Bible Study 10 AM &amp; 7 PM Choir 8 PM</b>  <i>Jason Clark</i>	<b>19 Aikido Children &amp; Youth 6-7 PM</b>	<b>20</b>  <i>Gail Thomas</i>	<b>21 Yard Sale 7 AM to 12 Noon Set up at 5:00 AM</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <i>Julianna Mumpower</i>	<b>24 Feed Homeless @ 4:30 PM</b>	<b>25 Bible Study 10 AM &amp; 7 PM Choir 8 PM</b>  <i>Lois Gantz Dawid Joubert</i>	<b>26 Aikido Children &amp; Youth 6-7 PM</b>  <b>Decorate for VBS 6:00 PM</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Easter Egg Hunt 2—4:00 PM</b>
<b>29 5 Cent a Meal</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <i>Anna Joubert</i>				