

# GraceNotes



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**Palm Sunday Worship Celebration**  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**

**Mauddy Thursday**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday**  
**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

**(both services will be in the Grace Sanctuary)**

## HOLY WEEK



**RESURRECTION DAY - March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Easter Son Rise Worship (UC)**

**8:00 AM Easter Breakfast (FH)**

**9:30 AM Learning Hour**

**10:30 AM Resurrection Day**

**Worship Celebration**



## From the Pastor's Pen...



Dear Brothers and Sisters at Grace Church...

This past week, we experienced the dark clouds, gusting winds, tornado warnings, and power outages. My Lenten devotion for that day just happened to be Mark 4:37-41, although I hadn't planned on this weather: "They took Jesus in the boat. A great storm of wind arose, and waves beat into the boat so that it was filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said 'Teacher, do you not care if we perish?' He awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said, 'Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?' They were filled with awe."

Jesus is the ultimate non-anxious presence. He isn't cocky. He's just calm, he understands God has things well in hand. His church, then will prove to be calm, non-anxious. We will be the ones who refuse rancor, who don't feed into jittery fears about what's going on in the world. We have a responsibility to still the panic, to assure a nervous society that all will be well.

In 1956, Martin Luther King, Jr. was at a church meeting when he received word his home had been firebombed. He rushed home, and was relieved to learn that Coretta and their infant daughter Yolanda were all right. A huge, angry crowd gathered in the yard and on the street. King asked for silence, and then said "Don't do anything panicky. Don't get your weapons. He who lives by the sword will perish by the sword. Remember this is what God said. We want to love our enemies. What we are doing is right. God is with us." I wonder if anyone thought of that storm on Galilee, the disciples asking if Jesus cared if they perished, and his calm words, "Peace, be still."

Churches are tempted to be as nervous as everybody else, especially after awful days, like the Sunday after 9/11, the Sunday after the banking crash, the Sunday after whatever..... you fill in the blank. On all days, and especially the toughest days, Jesus' church says "God is with us. Peace, be still." What greater gift could we offer to our world?

Peace be with you in your Lenten Journey!

+ Pastor Gil Gilbert

*Be still  
and know  
that I am  
God*  
-PSALM 46:10

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH**

- ❖ Communion Assistants - Tim Eckard, Mike Pisko
- ❖ Ushers - Carl Beam, Don & Nicky Jarrett, Justin Whalen
- ❖ Greeter - Frankie Crouse
- ❖ Altar Preparation - Sherry Biggerstaff, Cindy Bivens
- ❖ Children's Church - Pat Dietz, Tricia Panek
- ❖ Nursery - Pat Dietz, Tricia Panek

**FLOWER CHART FOR MARCH**



3/6 - OPEN  
3/20- OPEN

3/13 - Dan & Tricia Panek  
3/27 - OPEN

If you wish to give the flowers for a given Sunday, please list your name on the chart in the narthex. You are responsible for ordering the flowers from a florist of your choice, we do not have a standing order with any florist. The liturgical color of the day is listed to assist you in selecting flowers appropriate for that Sunday. You should contact the Church Office so that the correct information is placed in the bulleting for that Sunday. Please notify the Church Office the Thursday prior to your selected Sunday. You can call the Church Office between 9 AM and Noon each weekday, leave a note on the desk, or send an email to let us know the occasion or memoriam for this wonderful gift of beatification of the worship.

**ATTENDANCE AND GIVING TO OUR LORD'S WORK FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016**

	01/31/16	02/07/16	02/14/16	02/21/16
SCS	49	51	41	33
Worship	107	101	63	88
General Offering	3,464.00	4,921.00	1,204.00	2,378.00
Learning Hour	134.60	33.00	19.00	17.25
Building Fund	90.00	275.00	10.00	130.08
First Sunday Lunch	0.00	183.00	0.00	0.00
Cemetery Fund	0.00	62.18	0.00	0.00
Use of Fellowship Hall	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Shrove Tuesday Supper	0.00	0.00	67.00	0.00
Ash Wednesday	0.00	0.00	213.00	0.00
Lenten Worship	0.00	0.00	0.00	226.00

*NOTE: The financial report will be in the newsletter each month and will be not be published in the weekly worship bulletin. Because the newsletter is distributed the last Sunday of each month, the attendance and giving figures for the last Sunday will be carried over to the next month's newsletter.*

**THE FRED T. FOARD SENIORS** will meet at Noon on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wesley Chapel United Methodist.

**FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH** will be provided by the Leadership Ministry Board on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be a Mexican theme including tacos with fixings, enchiladas, rice, chips and salsa.

**THE WOMEN OF GRACE** will meet Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, following the First Sunday Lunch.

**MEN OF GRACE PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at the Blue Moon.

**SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST** will be served Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. Jo Doris Frye, Randy Frye, the Dennis Leonard Family, and Bobbie Wright will prepare the breakfast.

**THE GRACE SENIOR/ADULT GROUP** will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 2:00 PM. Please invite a friend and come join the fun and fellowship!

**IF YOU USE FELLOWSHIP HALL - PLEASE READ.**

Over the past several months, there have been complaints of persons/groups using Fellowship Hall and finding the kitchen in poor condition. One group activity recently left food on the counter (which spoiled) left food remains in the sink and left the back door wide open. This was not discovered until three days later when another function was scheduled. This group then had to clean the kitchen before they could even begin to prepare the meal for the function they had planned. The sad part about this is - these were church members who left the kitchen dirty and in disarray.

If you are using the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen for any reason, MAKE SURE IT IS CLEAN BEFORE YOU LEAVE AND ALL DOORS ARE SHUT AND LOCKED. There are guidelines which have been approved by the Leadership Board for the use of Fellowship Hall. The guidelines will be sent in the future to the RESPONSIBLE PARTY for all groups using the Fellowship Hall. A special word of Thanks to Pastor Gil for his time professionally cleaning the grill in the kitchen. It looks new! Let's keep it that way. Be considerate and good stewards of God's House. Thank You.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Fred T. Foard's 2016-17 *Teacher of the Year* - Mrs. Stormy Shull! Mrs. Shull is a very passionate educator that has a contagious and enthusiastic personality. Her kind heart is seen every day as she goes above and beyond to ensure the academic success of all FTF students. Her love for the school runs deep, and you will always find her supporting students in the athletic and social arenas, as well. Congratulations Stormy and thank you for all that you do!

**THANK YOU** to the great cooks and clean-up crew for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Rick & Cindy Bivens, Doug & Jackie Jarrett, Eric & Jodi Martin, and Brian & Jill Matthews.

**ATTENTION ALL USHERS:** The Praise and Worship Ministry Team has job descriptions for Ushers and Greeters which you should be familiar with. If you did not attend one of the Usher/Greeter Workshops last Spring, please call the Church Office and we will send you a copy of the directives and guidelines for Ushering and Greeting. One of the items in the guidelines deals with keeping the Narthex/Foyer area cleared of all furniture. The Narthex is small to begin with and chairs are not permitted. Ushers are to sit on the reserved back pew on the choir side of the Sanctuary during worship as overseers of the worship as well as for the safety of the worshipers should an emergency arise. Thanks so much!

**MISSING:** Staplers are missing from the Library and several classrooms. The small clipboard that was placed in the nursery for the attendance sheets was found in Fellowship Hall. Please return any borrowed items as soon as possible. Thank you. (SB)

## **PASTOR GILBERT APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT DEAN**

Pastor Gil has been appointed by the Executive Team of the Carolinas District of the NALC to serve as Assistant to the Dean, Pastor Nathan Yoder. Pastor Gil's duties include assisting Dean Yoder with clergy situations that may arise with clergy or within their families, i.e., sicknesses, deaths, conflict management and other issues within the congregations of the Carolinas' District.

Congratulations to Pastor Gilbert in this important role in the Carolinas' District as he assists Pastor Yoder. Pastor David Tholstrup of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chapin SC is serving as the Assistant Dean for the South Carolina region of the Carolinas' District, NALC.

## **WHY GO TO CHURCH**

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper & complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, '& in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.' This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me & gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical & our spiritual nourishment!

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me, while I forward this message to your children?'

**IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !**

**B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!**

When you carry "the Bible", Satan has a head ache. When you open it, he collapses; When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, & when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

When you are about to get upon Sunday mornings to go to church, the devil will discourage you. Get up and go!

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS!** You can help provide funds for events held at the church, rather than using money from offerings. Any Thrivent member can now apply at [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) for a Thrivent Action Team along with other volunteer helpers to do a helping project for others or the church. Upon acceptance, they will receive a \$250 Visa gift card to use as seed money, tee shirts for up to 25 volunteers and a Thrivent Live Generously banner. These funds can be used for fellowship events, worship events, educational events, and service projects. If you have a Thrivent policy of any kind, please look into using this resource to help with events at Grace.

**NALC NEWS FOR FEBRUARY** is available in the narthex. The article from Bishop Bradosky is entitled "Keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus". This issue also includes more information about the Convocation to be held in August, Water Mission Sunday, Reformation Sites Tour and Study, and other interesting articles about The Church.

## DO YOU CARRY YOUR UMBRELLA?

We all have something to learn from this young girl.

As a drought continued for what seemed an eternity, a small community of farmers was in a quandary as to what to do. Rain was important to keep their crops healthy and sustain the townspeople's way of life.

As the problem became more acute, a local pastor called a prayer meeting to ask for rain. Many people arrived. The pastor greeted most of them as they filed in. As he walked to the front of the church to officially begin the meeting he noticed most people were chatting across the aisles and socializing with friends. When he reached the front his thoughts were on quieting the attendees and starting the meeting.

His eyes scanned the crowd as he asked for quiet. He noticed an eleven year-old girl sitting quietly in the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement. Next to her, poised and ready for use, was a bright red umbrella. The little girl's beauty and innocence made the pastor smile as he realized how much faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella.

All came to pray for rain, but the little girl had come expecting God to answer.

-- Author Unknown

**FIRST COMMUNION** will be offered to young people on Easter (March 27<sup>th</sup>). Any young person that has not been instructed in the meaning and purpose of Holy Communion and are showing interest in participating in this Holy Meal are asked to speak with Pastor Gil. A time will be set when Pastor Gil can come to your home and instruct your child before they may receive Holy Communion. (KH)

## New Items for March



## IT OUT!!!!

1. "The Lessons of Love" by Melody Beattie
2. "The Enneagram in Love and Work" by Helen Palmer  
Understanding your intimate and business relationships.
3. "The Story of the Hope Diamond" by Susanne Steinen Patch
4. "Understanding the Enneagram" by Don Richard Riso  
The practical guide to personality types.
5. "The Source of My Strength" by Charles Stanley  
Relying on the life-changing power of Jesus Christ to heal our wounded hearts.
6. "The Automatic Millionaire" by David Bach  
A powerful one-step plan to live and finish rich.
7. "Heart, Mind, and Strength" by Jeffrey D. Jones  
Theory and practice for congregational leadership.
8. "The Conscious Bride" by Sheryl Nissinen  
Women unveil their true feelings about getting hitched.
9. "Temptation" a cassette tape by Spectrum  
Adam Again, Allies, Rick Cua, Amy Grant, One Bad Pig, and Wayne Watson
10. "Full Catastrophe Living" by Jon Kabat-Zinn, PhD.  
Using the wisdom of your body and mind to face stress, pain and illness.
11. "Transcendental Meditation" by Harold Bloomfield, Michael Cain, & Dennis Jaffee  
Discovering inner energy and overcoming stress.
12. "Beyond Medicine" by Dr. Richard A. DiCenso  
Exploring a new way of thinking.



13. "Forbidden Cures" by Dr. Benjamin Ross  
Proven natural treatments the medical establishment won't let you have.
14. "The Worldview War" by Gary DeMar ( a DVD)  
The future of your family, the Church, and America.
15. "Congregational Leadership" by Dr. Peter Steinke  
In anxious times.
16. "How Can I Get Through to You?" by Terrence Real  
Reconnecting men and women.
17. "The Enneagram Journey to New Life" by Robert J. Nogosser  
Who am I? What do I stand for?
18. "The Power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle  
A guide to spiritual enlightenment.
19. "You on a Diet" by Michael F. Roizen, MD and Mehmet C. Oz, MD  
Owner's manual for waist management.
20. "The Enneagram" by Maria Beesing, Robert J. Mogosek, & Patrick H. D'Leary, Sr.  
A journey of self discovery.
21. "The Enneagram and Prayer" by Barbara Metz & John Borshill  
Discovering our true selves before God.
22. "Public Schools" by Bruce N. Shortt  
The harsh truth about public schools.
23. "The Case Against Divorce" by Diane Medved, PhD.  
Discover the lures, the lies, and the emotional traps of divorce.
24. "Secrets of a Shoe Addict" by Beth Harbison
25. "Stone from the River" by Ursula Hegi
26. "Biblical Stewardship" by Dr. Mark Allan Powell  
A DVD about our duty and delight.
27. "Sleeping on a Wire" by David Grossman  
Conversations with Palestinians in Israel.
28. "Principle Centered Leadership" by Stephen R. Covey  
A 6 cassette audio book.
29. "Already Compromised" by Ken Ham & Greg Hall  
Christian colleges took a test on the state of their faith and the final exam is in.
30. "The Parables of Joshua" by Joseph f. Girzone
31. "Joshua and the City" by Joseph F. Girzone
32. "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff" by Richard Carlson, PhD.  
Simple ways to keep the little things from taking over your life.
33. "Holy Bible" New International Version
34. "If Men Were Angels" by Reed Karaim
35. "Joshua in the Holy Land" by Joseph F. Girzone
36. "Enneagram" by Helen Palmer  
Understanding yourself and the others in your life.
37. "On Writing" by Stephen King  
A memoir of the craft.

*We give Pastor Gil and Karen special thanks for the donation of all the above books to the Grace Library.*

## BOARD NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

Elections for Board Officers for 2016 were held. President: Tim Eckard; Vice President: Herb Travis; Secretary: Stephanie Fulbright. The office of Treasurer and Financial Secretary had been appointed: Treasurer: Rick Bivens, Financial Secretary: Michael Pisko. Congratulations to our new officers. James Hall was elected by the Board to fill the vacant position on the Board.

The Congregation Meeting will be held March 6 for the approval of the newly revised Constitution.

Property Team reported that there will be Request Forms available in the Church Office for anyone noting any problems on church property or grounds, i.e., lights out, items in need of repair, heat/cooling problems, etc. This is in order to improve communication concerning items needing attention.

Praise/Worship Team reported that the choir is in need of new choir robes. Revision of Usher/Greeter Guidelines. Worship Workshops for all worship leaders (ushers, greeters, lectors) are being planned for April.

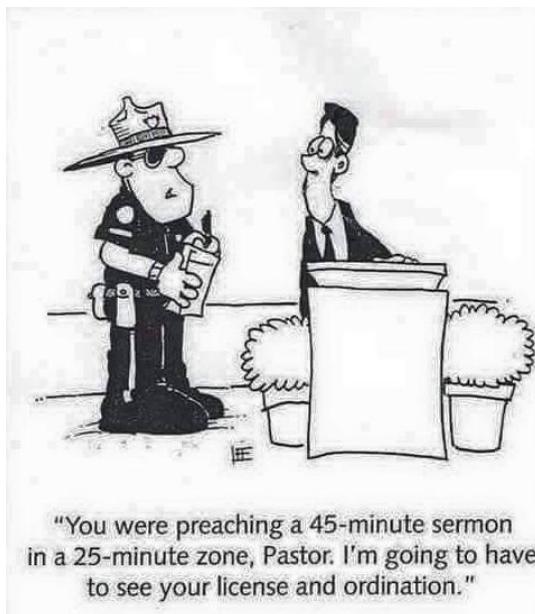
Witness/Evangelism Team reported that new Grace-NALC directional road signs have been ordered and locations are being mapped.

Finance Team reports that Gene Biggerstaff has retired from the position of Treasurer, a position he has filled for the past 30 years. Thank you, Gene for your commitment and dedication to the task.

The Board will provide the First Sunday Lunch in March with Mexican menu.

There were no other reports.

Meeting adjourned with prayer. Next regular meeting: March 13 at 4 p.m.



**A FUN DAY at THE COVE** will be Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a time of blessing to join with other women for fellowship and the Bible teaching by Gwen Smith at Billy Graham's The Cove in Asheville. Some women from Grace will be joining hundreds of other women at this Spring Luncheon. We pray God will richly bless all those that attend and ignite a fire in their heart to experience more of Jesus.

**LILY ORDERS** are now being taken for Resurrection Sunday. The cost this year is \$9.00. If you did not get a form to complete, please contact the Church Office. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRECTIONS TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:** New address for Dr. Gary Barger, 3613 Laurel Bluff Circle, High Point, NC 27265.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for the purpose of approving the revised Constitution will be held immediately following worship on Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONSTITUTION SEMINARS WELL-RECEIVED**

The Constitution Task Force completed their work on the Grace Constitution and with the approval by the Leadership Ministry Board, the Constitution Seminars are being offered to answer questions, comment and inquire about the revisions made to the Grace Constitution. The alterations were minor but still just as important that everyone at Grace should be aware of these changes prescribed by the NALC and the Constitution Task Team. These were included in a copy of the Constitution mailed to every household on record at Grace. They included:

1. Changes in the terminology throughout the document from "Church Council" to "Leadership Ministry Board";
2. The need for the Congregation to be incorporated by the laws of North Carolina (in process);
3. A statement concerning the use of the Fellowship Hall and the NALC amendment recognizing the scriptures and adhering to that with regard to marriage;
4. The re-establishment and incorporation of the Time and Talent Forms to fill the Ministry Teams (formerly called "committees") of the Congregation;
5. The number of Board members being reduced from 12 to 9 (for a congregation the size of Grace);
6. The statute (B12.02) that immediate family members shall not serve on the same Board; and
7. Active members shall commune at least 6 (six) times per calendar year;

The Board has set the date of Sunday, March 6 for a Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of approving this revised Constitution. The purpose of the seminars is for congregation members to review and have questions answered concerning the Constitution in order that the approval and meeting be brief and positive. To date, all comments have been positive and in favor of the revised Constitution. Thanks to all who have attended the seminars and asked questions and made very positive remarks and comments.

**ECCCM NEEDS** your continuous help to keep the Food Pantry and Homeless Shelter supplied. They are asking for items for children (toys, blankets, and clothing), food, toiletry items (shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, brushes, etc.) and grocery bags. Any items brought to the church for this ministry will be delivered to ECCCM. *Be reminded that they can no longer accept used egg cartons.* (JB)

**THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY** publishes a quarterly newsletter. A few copies of the Winter 2016 issue are available in the Narthex or it can be found on line at [www.thenals.org](http://www.thenals.org).

**THANK YOU IS NOT AN ADEQUATE** phrase to express my appreciation for the many cards, thoughts and prayers extended to me and my family at the sudden illness and death of my father. I am also grateful to Pastor Gil for taking care of preparing the necessary bulletins. I rejoice in the caring from this congregation as well as the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- Kathy Hefner

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED** for positions to be elected at the 2016 NALC Convocation, August 10-12 in Anaheim, California. We seek nominations for the following positions:

Executive Council	1 clergy and 1 layperson, each for a 4-year term
Court of Adjudication	1 person for a 4-year term
NALS Board of Regents	4 persons: three for 6-year terms, and one for a 4-year term

Congregations and individuals are welcome to nominate individuals for any of the open positions as well as for the 2016 Nominations Committee.

**All nominations should be submitted by May 1, 2016.** This will give us the time necessary to compile nominee biographical information and comply with the constitutional requirements about providing this information to the delegates.

To submit a nomination, please complete the Nomination Form and return it to the Nominating Committee at [nominations@thenalc.org](mailto:nominations@thenalc.org). This is the preferred submission method. Otherwise, forms may be mailed to Pastor Don Brandt; Our Savior's Lutheran Church; 1770 Baxter Rd SE; Salem, OR 97306-1140.

Contact the Church Office if you desire a copy of the Nomination Form.

### **SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM A LETTER FROM RYAN M. SCHWARZ, TREASURER, NALC:**

The North American Lutheran Church has now finished its fifth full year as a church body. God has continued to richly bless us in the NALC, not least through the gift of your partnership in the Gospel. A quick look at the NALC today reminds us of the scope of God's blessings on our church body: -

- The NALC passed a significant numerical milestone this year and now numbers more than 400 congregations, from Hawaii to Florida, from British Columbia to Puerto Rico.
- New mission congregations and house churches continue to be formed across North America, and in total these newer congregations constitute close to 20 of the NALC.
- NALC missionaries are now serving the Lord in South Sudan/Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Mongolia and China.
- Our Seminary continues to develop, and this past year saw the largest number of ordinations in the NALC since 2012.
- The NALC took steps this past year to expand congregational services by adding a youth and family ministry congregational coach and a communications coordinator, both in response to many requests from across our church body.

The NALC made significant new spending commitments this past year to support its pastors and congregations in their ministries. Thanks to your generosity, the NALC nonetheless ended 2015 "in the black" and in solid financial shape. The coming year presents similar financial challenges, but we trust in God's provision and your continued commitment to meet those challenges.

### **THINGS I LEARNED LIVING IN THE SOUTH**

- ❖ Fixinto is one word. It means I'm going to do that.
- ❖ Iced tea is appropriate for all meals and you start drinking it when you're two. We do like a little tea with our sugar. It is referred to as the Wine of the South.
- ❖ A possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road.
- ❖ There is no such thing as lunch. There is only dinner and then there's supper.
- ❖ You don't have to wear a watch, because it doesn't matter what time it is, you work until you're done or it's too dark to see.
- ❖ *AND one more: Why did the chicken cross the road? To show that stupid possum that it CAN be done!*

Treasurer's Report for

January

2016

<b>General Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	-22,286.30
Deposits	13,139.61
Expenses	13,370.44
Ending Balance	-22,517.13
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	21,137.76
Deposits	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	21,137.76
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	-804.38
Deposits	465.09
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	-339.29
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	138,533.17
Deposits	0.64
Expenses	64.54
Ending Balance	138,469.27
<b>Union Church Restoration</b>	
Beginning Balance	44,311.85
Deposits	0.00
Expenses	32.10
Ending Balance	44,279.75
<b>Playground Equipment Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	3,109.52
Deposits	0.00
Expenses	0.00
Ending Balance	3,109.52
<b>All Funds</b>	
Beginning Balance	184,001.62
Deposits	13,605.34
Expenses	13,467.08
Ending Balance	184,139.88

### UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS

1. Christian Community Outreach Ministries is having a FUNdraiser on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at River Oaks Golf Course. Registration and lunch (provided by Olive Garden) begins at 11:30 and the Shotgun Start is at 1:00. CCOM needs help in renovating the outside of their building with vinyl siding and help in continuing to provide free Biblical counseling for hurting families and other helps as well. Contact the Church Office for more details.

2. ECCCM is hosting their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Tournament on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Oaks Golf Club in Maiden. Registration and a BBQ lunch (provided by Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church in Conover) begins at 11:30 and the Shotgun Start is at 1:00.

### THE CORNER TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

invites everyone to a Donor Reception on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM. This is a drop in reception to celebrate your part in helping to serve 500,000 meals. Light refreshments will be provided. The Corner Table Soup Kitchen is located at 122 North Main Avenue, Newton.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** a Mission Congregation of the NALC has a new place to worship. They had been worshipping in a store front property in Fletcher, NC but have now taken ownership of a small church building in East Flat Rock, NC. We rejoice with them as they dedicate their new church property on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and a pot luck dinner will follow the service of dedication. Their new address is Trinity Lutheran Church, 108 East King Street, East Flat Rock, NC 28726.



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