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Treasury Report

Jan. 1– Mar. 31, 2018

Receipts	\$20,329
Expenses	\$18,216
Fund Balance	\$88,928

The Pastor's Pen

What a joyous spring! We have celebrated Holy Week, seemed a bit early didn't it? We shared Maundy Thursday service with Rev. Denny Read, the new pastor at Wiley Presbyterian Church. And last Sunday the weather heralded a Resurrection Sunday morning that provided us the opportunity to worship with new friends, old friends, and church family.

April and May will be busy months in the life of our church. Clean -up day is Saturday, April 14. We need as many hands as possible to be there at 8:00. Breakfast is served and then we start work. There are many jobs that do not require a lot of exertion, so please consider participating. Or, if you will be gone that day, stop by before you leave and do a small job. It will all help as we prepare to celebrate our 65th anniversary April 29th. We will have a special worship service that day, perhaps even a "no sermon Sunday!"

But..... Don't count on it!! Then the following week is the Presbyterian Women's yard sale. Items can be brought to the church all that week April 30-May 4. Many hands are also needed to help sort and price. Contact Sharon Spivey for details and work assignments for the yard sale.

And do not forget Mothers Day May 13th. All this is to remind us that we are the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Your dedication continues the legacy which began 65 years ago. Thank you all for the love and care that is shown each week.

Prayers continue for members and friends that have health issues. Send a card or stop by for a visit.

May the Lord bless you,

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How Would You Describe Jesus?

“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” (Matthew 17:5). A great statement and command!

There are many reasons that will move people to accept Christ. Now, at this most holy time of the year, many are affected by our Lord’s sacrificial death on the cross. This portrayal of His love for us is humbling, to say the least. He who was sinless took on our sins and forgave all believers so that we could begin anew wrapped in God’s holy love.

The beginning of any person’s spiritual journey is so uniquely personal that it could be hard to know just where another believer would start if asked to help them understand and learn. But, no matter the reason or time frame to begin to seek Him, it will always be helpful to acquaint the new person with the personality of Jesus Christ.

SON of man: Jesus came to earth leaving the paradise of heaven and being with Father God. He took on the human form from baby to man so He could identify with us and we would also identify with His time here. As a human being that suffered, Jesus grieved, He cried and felt the sting of betrayals. And yet at all times, remained steadfast in His purpose to serve God the Father. Jesus’ reason for coming to earth was to teach all who would believe in Him that there was a life everlasting (I Thessalonians 2:19-20), there was hope after death.

In the critical hours in Gethsemane His soul was in agony. In Isaiah 53:3-5, it was prophesied He would be a ‘man of sorrow’. In Matthew 26 and 27, we read of betrayal, arrest and crucifixion. But through it all Jesus had the peace of God within Him. Today, when we cry out to our Lord the burdens and worries of our own everyday life, we must remember He understands what we face. He hears our prayers!

SON OF GOD: “And God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.” (Genesis 1:26).

The three persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost consulted about all things, creation, design, promise and perfection. Man was made in God’s image and after His likeness.

Jesus Christ is the expressed image of God’s person and soul and has the same nature of love. It is the soul of man that bears God’s image not flesh and blood. We are assured of His love if we accept Christ Jesus as His Son and our Lord.

Jesus accepted all believers’ sins and offered the promise of life everlasting.

When you help others to come to Christ you must understand and know the SON of man and the SON OF GOD as you travel along your own personal journey.

Suzanne Muir

I found this writing in the Ideals book called “Treasury of Hope” and wanted to share it with you.

Carol DiMaio

My Mountains

By Carl Beecher Balcomb

*I have climbed the mountains of my years
with SINGING HEART,
Range upon range, lush valleys in between,
Tired from many a scramble upward,
At eve, by campfire’s glow in forest glade,
Deep rest I’ve found and strength for climbs ahead.
Through sighing boughs above
I’ve seen bright stars in deep blue sky,
Signal lights for my soul to guide me on
through all life’s storms and calm.
The final peak that I shall scale is not yet seen
Nor time to reach it known, but this I know:
Someday I’ll stand in triumph on its crest
And view below a valley, fairest yet, where I shall
rest awhile and dream of other climbs to come;
In some better land not yet revealed,
My God will lead me on.*

Women's Word

The Presbyterian Women's Group is continuing their Bible study in the Women of Faith series *Leading a Life of Balance* - yep, balancing all the would'da, should'da, could'da's can be tricky. April's meeting will be Chapter 10 Balancing Unity and Diversity. Hmm, sounds like a good reminder our country could use. May's lesson is on Balancing Our Wishes and God's Will. Who hasn't struggled with that?

We have begun working on the details of our upcoming yard sale on May 5th. We look forward to a win-win-win-win event - we get to eliminate some clutter from our homes, the community gets some real deals. It is our biggest annual fundraiser, and benefits a number of local and far reaching missions.

Our ladies are also preparing to host the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Gathering on May 20th. We've made 30 "Patterns for Joyful Living" favors for the occasion, and planning games, refreshments and a brief program on the missions funded by the birthday offering. It is an opportunity to get to know some of our county's fellow Presbyterian ladies.

May God guide, direct, and bless our studies, activities, and one another.



Birthdays

April

2 – Alexandra Givens
12 – John Maclean
14 - Henry Newman
15 – Dan Miller
16 - Barbara Shafer
17 - Norma Jean Craker
19 - Shirley Boyle
19 – James Chestnut

May

4 – Jo Bonnette
4 – Blant Ferguson
12 – Gwen Kempin
17 – Donna Sekeres
26 – Pat Myers

Anniversaries

April

1 - Rick & Sharon Spivey
17 - Bill & Susan Smart

May

8 – Rhett and Nancy Bickley
16 – Ron and Anne Spearman
17 – Blant and Nancy Ferguson

Anniversary Celebration

*65 Years of
Faith and Devotion*

1953 – 2018

Sunday, April 29 – 11:00 am

YARD SALE

Saturday, May 5 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Please collect your items to donate to the sale and volunteer to help that week!

Clayton Presbyterian Church April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Easter</i> Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	2	3 Presbyterian Women 10 AM NA group 7 PM	4	5 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	6 Open for Personal Prayer	7
8 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	9 Session – 10 AM	10 NA group 7 PM	11	12 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	13 Open for Personal Prayer	14 Clean Up Day 8 – 12 AM
15 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	16	17 NA group 7 PM	18	19 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	20 Open for Personal Prayer	20 Keep Rabun Beautiful
22 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	23	24 NA group 7 PM	25	26 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	27 Open for Personal Prayer	28
29 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Anniversary Celebration Fellowship Dinner	30	Elder of the month – Dan Miller YARD SALE – Saturday May 5				