

NEW DUBLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 2016



Dear friends,

If Christ is not risen, then your faith is in vain. 1st Corinthians 15:14

Brian Blount, president of my alma mater, recently gave a sermon about . . . zombies.

Zombies!? As in the walking dead!?!?

Dr. Blount notes that zombies are a huge part of popular entertainment. In television, books, and movies, it seems the larger culture is morbidly fascinated with the idea of the dead rising from the graves. But in the public imagination, the dead rise in order to spread *death*. They come to increase the *dead*.

Paul has the complete opposite in mind. We humans are infected with sin, walking around carrying this deadly disease. You and I could accurately be described as the walking dead!

But thanks be to God, Christ has overcome death's grip on our bodies. By rising from the grave, Jesus brings *life*. The resurrection, then, increases the *living*!

What, then, does Easter mean? It is *not* a zombie apocalypse!

Friends, Jesus is God's Word made flesh. You and I are to use words that others might find the Word. You and I have been incarnated in this world of deadness in order to bring hope. When we proclaim the resurrection of Christ, what we are really doing is sharing our belief that *life wins*—that those who have been infected with sin and death will be transformed and resurrected anew. As resurrection people, our calling is to live each moment as those who believe that death is not the last word. Not zombies, but saints!

Hallelujah, amen

Andrew



Special Opportunities for Worship and Fellowship During Lent and Easter

Community Lenten Services and Lunch—*Wednesdays at noon:*

March 2, Dublin United Methodist Church

March 9, Dublin Presbyterian Church

March 16, New Dublin Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday Communion Service—7 pm at New Dublin

Good Friday Service—Noon at Dublin Baptist Church

Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast—6:30 am at New Dublin

Easter Worship—11 am at New Dublin

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PRAYER LIST



Continued prayer for the following: **Danny Tolbert**, ALS; **Lexie Schleich**, complex health issues; **Frances Guthrie's brother**; **Larry Gilmore**, prostate cancer; **Brenda Bell's mother**, dementia; **Charles Lewis** (Bonnie Quesenberry's brother), bone cancer; **Harry Gunner** (pastor in Pulaski), possible liver transplant; **Randy Draper** (Margaret Powers' grandson), heart complications; **Don Gordon** (neighbor of Betsy Kegley and Betty Walsh), heart attack; **Cedella Pitzer**, chemotherapy treatments; **Suzanne Woolwine** (co-worker of Doug and Toni Franklin), breast cancer; **Jackie and Ray Spaulding** (friends of Bernadine Banning), serious health problems; Diane Dixon's mother, health complications; **"Mickey" Waite** (friend of Bernadine Banning), lung cancer; **Jack Dulaney** (Shirley Gearheart's brother), ALS; **Glenna Hammond** (Shirley Gearheart's sister), multiple health problems; Pauline Porterfield's brother, **David**, heart surgery; **Gloria Banning** (Bernadine Banning's cousin), Guillain-Barre syndrome; **Joe Worrell**, recovering from heart surgery; **Easton Reed** (three year old relative of Romenta Burress), diagnosed with muscular dystrophy; **Ann Brockenbrough**, recovering from a stroke and carotid artery surgery; **Elizabeth Nye**; **Mabel McLeod**, recovering from a stroke; **Claudia Pugh**, recovering from a broken hip; **Tom Pitzer**, heart problems; **Hazel Shouse**, recovering from pneumonia; **Coy Slate**, continued recovery from surgery; **Frank Leonetti**, continued recovery from surgery; **Charles Tilson**; Gail Cook's father, recovering from a fall; **Jean Rose** (Jennifer Bowen's mother), continued recovery; **Kathy Brooks** (friend of Bernadine Banning), lost a leg; **John Earl** (Margaret Powers' brother), recovering from heart procedure; **Jean Thompson**, recovering from hip surgery; **Judy Friant**, house damaged by fire; **Diane Blair**, recovering from ankle surgery; **Mitch Mitchell**, recent cancer diagnosis; **Susan Dobyons**, recovering from knee surgery; **Tori Bowen**, recovering from concussion; **Charlie Akers** (Pauline Porterfield's cousin), heart surgery; Margaret Powers' sister, **Fletta**, recovering from blood clot; **Mary Catherine Stout**, tumors on her lungs; **Virgie Richardson**, hospitalization for stomach pain; **Bob Copenhaver** (Sara Reuning's brother), digestive tract surgery; Linda Ely's granddaughter, **Kendall**, gall bladder removal

With Joy and Thankfulness: Birth of Lane William Franklin to Toni and Doug

Those serving our country through active military duty: Bruce Gannaway, Fort Benning, GA

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS NOT ABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US ON A REGULAR BASIS

Please remember the following
with prayers, cards, and visits:

Kearfott Boyd
Heritage-Green Assisted Living
201 Lillian Lane #108
Lynchburg, VA 24502

Cornelia Dobyons
12401 Gayton Rd, Apt 139
Richmond, VA 23238

Harry Farris
3500 Annandale Lane
Suwanee, GA 30024

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111 Greenbrier Drive
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1821 Estaline Valley Rd
Craigsville, VA 24430

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6568 Kent Farm Rd
Dublin, VA 24084

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The Landmark Center, Inc.
227 Landmark Drive
Stuart, VA 24171

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1089 Hickory Cove
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Hazel Shouse
1536 Olde Course Ln
Salem, VA 24153-1789

Bobbie Stevens
Showalter Center, Apt 218
Warm Hearth Village
1060 Showalter Rd
Blacksburg, VA 24060

June Webster
English Meadows
1140 W Main St
Christiansburg, VA 24073

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Below is a list of committees that met on February 29th and a summary of items discussed.

Building and Grounds— Two diseased maple trees have been cut down and the stumps are being ground by Jeff Reeves. Construction on the new sidewalks is underway, as well as drainage work, ditching, and building of a new wall and pad at outdoor heat pump units. The boxwoods are in need of trimming. The committee is considering fertilizing the boxwoods and treating them for leaf miners. An inside clean-up day is scheduled for March 12th from 9 am until noon in the classrooms. Also plan to trim the butterfly bushes at that time.


Christian Education— An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for March 26th from 10 am until noon.

Fellowship— The fellowship committee will provide soup and sandwiches for Lenten Services at New Dublin on Wednesday, March 16th.

Member Care— Discussed visitations and cards sent to persons requesting prayer, as well as meals for the Franklin family.

Worship— Discussed plans for Maundy Thursday, Easter sunrise, and Easter services.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NEW DUBLIN



Join us for an

Inside Church Clean-Up Day

on Saturday, March 12th, from 9 am until noon

We'll clean up our Sunday School classrooms and maybe trim a few bushes outside as well!



Easter Egg Hunt and Games

Saturday, March 26th

10 am until noon

TWO CENTS-A-MEAL

Two Cents-a-Meal is a small first step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Everyone is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command to "give them something to eat." When we bring our offerings to church on the second Sunday of each month, all of those coins "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated. These small acts of faithfulness can add up: One hundred persons in a congregation contributing two cents a meal adds up to \$2,190 a year. A 15,000 member presbytery has the potential of raising over \$328,000 annually at two cents a meal.

Originating in 1976, Two Cents-a-Meal is a project begun by Presbyterian Women to involve individuals and families in a corporate response to world hunger. The Presbytery of the Peaks awards Two Cents-a-Meal funds averaging between \$90,000-\$100,000 each year, contributed by Peaks' congregations and individuals, to local, regional, national and international projects. To see where our pennies go, you are encouraged to visit the Presbytery of the Peaks website at www.peakspresbytery.org and click on the Ministry/Missions tab, then click on Two Cents-a-Meal. If you scroll to the bottom, you will see a link to the 2015 grant recipients.

It's easy to get involved and make a difference. Keep a small container on the table at home for holding pennies added during each meal. May our pennies and prayers remind us of those battling hunger and poverty close to home and throughout the world.

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Monday-Thursday...9am to noon

We're on **Facebook!** Please visit the New Dublin Presbyterian page and "like" us to keep up with what's happening at our church!

GREETERS/USHERS:

March 6	Will Kegley & Hunter Shrewsbury
March 13	Roger & Romenta Burress/Tommy Tabor & Eli Reeves
March 20	Dalton Mann & Thomas Anderson
March 27	Betty Dowdy/Terry Blair & David Dobyms

PLEASE NOTE...

- Our church will host the Community Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 16th, at noon. The fellowship committee will provide a soup and sandwich lunch following the service.
- We will have a potluck breakfast after the Easter sunrise service.
- Jim Atway will be baptized during our worship service on Easter.



March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible Study, 10:30am; Lenten Service, noon at DUMC; Choir, 7pm	3 Circle #1, 10:30am; Circle #2, 1:30pm	4	5
6 Session Meeting, after worship	7	8	9 Bible Study, 10:30am; Lenten Service, noon at DPC; Choir, 7pm	10	11	12 Inside Church Clean-up Day, 9am
13 Two Cents-a-Meal Offering	14	15	16 Lenten Service, noon at NDPC; Choir, 7pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Bible Study, 10:30am; Choir, 7pm	24 Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm	25 Good Friday Service, noon at Dublin Baptist	26 Easter Egg Hunt, 10am
27 EASTER: Sunrise Service/Breakfast, 6:30am; Jim Atway baptism, 11 am	28 Daily Bread, 8:30am; Committee Night, 7pm	29	30 Bible Study, 10:30am; Choir, 7pm	31		