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FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 6:45 Lanterns	2
3 <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:15 Covenant Ringers	4 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Congreg. Care, Christian Ed. 5:30 Good News, B&G, Worship, Admin. Missions 6:30 Ministry Chairs 7:15 Fellowship	5 Grief Support 7:00 YOGA	6 12:15 Chair YOGA 5:30 KOINONIA 7:30 Chancel Choir	7	8 6:45 Lanterns	9
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Our members are linked every month with a member to pray for. Please pray for this person or family by name each day. Thanks for being part of this important ministry as we continue to lift each other in prayer.



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Jim Taylor - Good News
Jim Wilhide - Clerk

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Tish Lowe - Missions
Kathryn Morganelli -Worship
Jack Noë - Good News
Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Class of 2021 - Session
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Linda Floyd - Worship
Fred Holbrook - Admin.
Melanie Mixon - Good News
John Whitfield - Missions
Shelagh Wirth - B & G

Trustees
Janice Reiser
Lucretia Seigler

Treasurer
Hal Bowman



Feb. 3rd is Souper Bowl of Caring. This year for Souper Bowl we will be having a Clemson/Carolina Battle. We invite the children to come decked out in their Clemson or Carolina gear to support their favorite team that Sunday. We will stand in the Narthex with our Souper Bowl "pots" to accept both canned food and monetary donations for Sharing God's Love. The members of the congregation will be asked to donate to their favorite teams the children support and we will see if Clemson or Carolina will win this battle.



What Does Lent Mean To You?
With all the positive feedback from the Advent Devotional in December, we plan to extend the process into the Lenten Season. If you would like to share what Lent means to you, contact **Melanie Mixon (803) 319-7199**

or
Tara Whitfield (803) 429-5171.
These devotions will be included as inserts in the Sunday bulletins. Please notify us by Feb. 18th if you are interested in participating.



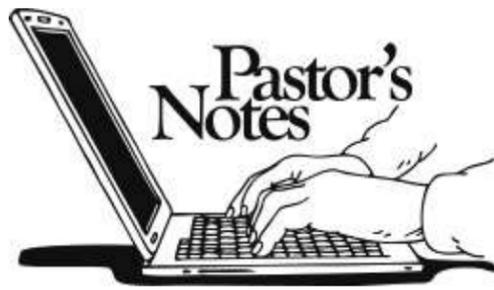
Monday Morning Bible Study

Join us Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
We will be studying Exodus.
Come and study and grow together.



Lanterns

Men, come join us as we study, fellowship and grow together on Fridays at 6:45 a.m.



All around us suddenly there seems to be a flurry of activity here at SOPC. Can you hear it in the hallways and courtyard? Do you feel it in worship? Is the Spirit palpably present in that meeting which you dreaded attending? It's almost as if this February the church has woken up. It's a new year and with a new year, new beginnings and new energy is all around us!

February marks the kickoff for many spiritual formation activities within and outside SOPC, leading into Lent and Easter. This season, each of us has a challenge to try on something new that perhaps we have never done before that builds faith. The youth are donning a series of fundraisers for their many summer trips which strengthen and solidify their faith- maybe you want to sponsor an event or pitch in to help! There are various ministry teams slated to visit with folks in several different ways who need love, food, and attention sharing and strengthening faith - maybe you are being called to love someone whom you have never met before! The fellowship team is already kicking off Koinonia and Church night suppers, ways we celebrate and share faith- maybe you are being called to lend a helping hand! The Worship committee is off to a start planning for the upcoming organ renovation and the sermon series already in our midst, operating on faith- maybe you are being called to envision the future here at SOPC! The Christian Education committee has small groups for interests of all ages and learning styles- maybe you are being called to try on a different topic of learning to put some meat on your own faith! Don't see a Sunday group you are interested in? Maybe you are being called to begin something new!

These are all ways we are *disciples (noun)*, the person we are when we profess our love for Christ. Slightly different is the verb of this word *to disciple*, which means to teach or train. This church is uniquely called this spring season to be a disciple, to learn and practice, and to grow. To what purpose you may ask? The purpose of being a disciple is so that in the future we may practice the call *to disciple others*. It's a call to fulfill the words of 1 John 3:18 *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth*. SOPC is uniquely placed to love (as February) demands in deed and truth so that we can be disciples of others. What better way to grow the church but to love all God's children? May the love of our God flood your hearts with passion and desire for deed and truth this Valentines season!

THANK YOU SOPC FAMILY

Kirk & I would like to thank you for the calls, cards & offer of meals. The outpouring of love & prayers was certainly felt, both in the hospital and now at home. Thank you also to Jana & Alice for being there for both of us. Your many visits, prayers and coffee while in the hospital were truly welcome. Thank you also for the home visits.

Kirk & Shelagh Wirth

Thank you so very much for the donation to the Presbyterian Home in memory of our dear son William. My Mom lived at the Presbyterian Home for many years, and William was over there visiting, fixing clocks, providing rides often, so it has a very special place in our hearts. Thank you also for the many cards and especially prayers for our family during this very sad time.

Al and Lou Krech

Thank you doesn't begin to cover how supported I have been throughout Nan's hospitalization, rehab and adjustment into the assisted living wing, while at the same time I have had to empty the apartment. Your calls, cards, prayers, advice, muscle and gas have been invaluable. You're the best.

Molly Jackson

Thank you for the many calls, cards and visits during my recovery from surgery. I am so grateful for our friendship and your concern.

Sarah Drayton



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN TRINITY PRESBYTERY
ANNUAL GATHERING
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019
SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
530 St Andrews Road, Columbia 29210
10:00 AM—2:00 PM



Onsite registration opens
@ 9:30 am
Program starts 10:00 am

Worship & Bible Study Leader: The Rev. Jana Creighton

Make copies as needed.

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

REGISTRATION FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNUAL GATHERING
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION MARCH 9, 2019
\$15 before March 9, 2019, \$20 at door (includes lunch)

NAME: _____

CHURCH NAME: _____ CLUSTER # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CONTACT PHONE # _____

CHECK ENCLOSED \$ _____

To inquire about child care please contact Julia Bussells, 803 749 0154

WORKSHOPS: Please choose 1

- Bible Study 2019-2020 "Love Carved in Stone" led by Rev. Jana Creighton
- Fill up Your Creative Cup in The Spirit of Love, come make cards with us, led by Kathy Morganelli & Cherry Key Wall
- Race Relations through Literature, led by Sandra Johnson, author of "Standing on Holy Ground"

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK, PAYABLE TO: **PW of TRINITY PRESBYTERY (PWP)**

MAIL TO: SUSAN BEVERLY
PO BOX 327
DUE WEST, SC 29639

CHURCH MODERATORS: PLEASE BRING 2 NEW TOOTHBRUSHES, IN SEPARATE PACKAGING, FOR THE MISSION PROJECT. THANK YOU

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Join your PW sisters at the PWP Annual Gathering on
Saturday, March 16, 2019.

You will attend a beautiful worship service, a business meeting and then choose one of the workshops above to attend.

Lunch is included in the \$15 registration fee.

Please see your circle moderator for more information.

Registration forms are available in the church office.

Onsite registration starts at 10:00 am.



Ladies, as we join together to
Create with Card Craft

Let's live into

"LOVE CARVED IN STONE"

With an Attitude of Gratitude as we
Make a Card and Take a card to give
away with a tea bag tucked inside that
says you are my cup of tea.



Fill up
Your creative
Cup in
The spirit
Of love.

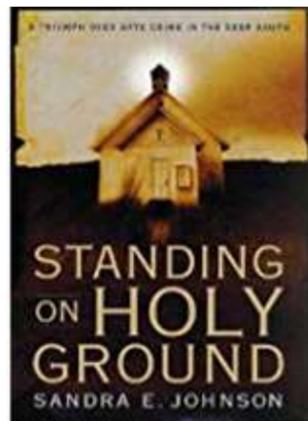
Come talk with Sandra Johnson, author, at
a give and take study. Sandra has written
two books regarding the race relations

"Standing on Holy Ground"

and

"Flowers are for the Living".

Listen to her story as love triumphs
over hate in the South.



LOVE
carved in
STONE



Join the Rev Jana Creighton
as she leads us into the
2019/20 Horizons
Bible Study
"Love Carved in Stone"

NEWS FROM YOUR SESSION

At its last Stated Session Meeting on January 21, your Session . . .

1. Decided to change its meeting time to 6:30 p.m.
2. Received and approved the report from the Reconciliation Task Force. The Session decided to send a copy of the report to the persons who expressed concerns or complaints to the Task Force, and to have copies available in the church office upon request.
3. Elected Treasurer Hal Bowman to serve as Clerk for February and March.
4. Accepted the Safety Committee document for review.
5. Set Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. as the time for a Safety Committee discussion.
6. Approved Elder Fred Holbrook to be our Elder Commissioner for the Trinity Presbytery meeting on February 16.
7. Approved the Nominating Committee for 2019 as Linda Floyd-chair, Melanie Mixon, Hal Bowman, Julie Bussells, Mark Dillard and Andy Robosky.
8. Approved the Session statement on concealed weapons.
9. Received the report of the audit for our 2018 financial review.
10. Received a list of our insurance coverage.
11. Approved Karen Gee, wife of deceased NANA member, to use the Fellowship hall for a memorial service on February 16.
12. Approved books for use by Roads and Anchors Sunday School class.
13. Approved materials for use by the Brewing Faith Sunday School class.
14. Approved 40 Days of Prayer by Mark Tidsworth for personal use during Lent.
15. Approved several fundraisers to help defer the costs of Youth Mission Trips, Camp Fellowship and Conferences.
16. Approved our year end report for the Presbytery to be sent of the Louisville office.

Jim Wilhide,
Clerk of Session

SESSION POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT



By South Carolina law, individuals licensed to carry a concealed weapon are not permitted to carry a weapon on church property. Per advice of our insurance carrier, concealed weapon permit holders must have expressed written consent of the Session to carry a concealed weapon on SOPC property.



Mary Dempster	1
Scott Anderson	4
Patricia Williams	7
Betsy Kent	8
Mary Johnson	10
Rich Allen	12
Joseph Clamp	12
Mark Johnson	15
Ron Crook	16
Amy Schwartz	16
Andy Robosky	17
Christal McTier	21
John Clamp	21
Ellis Robinson	21
Marilyn O'Mellan	24
Carol Williams	25
Monroe Swearingen	27
Lucia Cheung	27
Kris Dempster	27

FELLOWSHIP



A Valentines meal & event is being planned for Koinonia on Feb. 13 for the women of the Church. We need to get a head count as soon as possible to allow adequate planning. There may also be a slight increase in cost from the usual meal cost, depending on head count. If you will be attending this soiree, please let Jeanne LeBoeuf, Elizabeth Taylor, John Whitfield or Mark Wishart know so you can be added to the list. Deadline for signup is **February 3.**



CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER - 6:00 p.m.
Get ready to go head-to-head on **Sunday, Feb. 17th.** with other Chili-meisters for the coveted title of Best SOPC Chili 2019. Everyone will get to judge the different entries, even if you don't make chili. Come and enjoy tasting all the different entries. Bring your dollars to support our children and youth. You will love the food and fellowship.

COMMUNITY CORNER



CONFUSED about wills, probate, and estate Planning issues?

Come hear an experienced probate judge, **Judge Amy W. McCulloch** explain how to navigate the probate maze. McGregor Presbyterian Church invites you to join them on Wednesday, March 13th at noon, lunch will be provided. Preregistration is necessary. Contact: Dianne Floyd altadianne@aol.com by March 4th.



Do you have a hearing loss or know someone who does?

David Bitters, President of the Hearing Loss Association of America, Midlands Chapter will present an informational overview of hearing loss, ways to treat it and support resources at McGregor Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 10th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Preregistration is necessary. Please contact Joan Van Leuven: melodie105@hotmail.com by March 4th.



Midlands Technical College Will be hosting a 2 week conference that will explore the plight of the mentally ill, address how to reduce stigma around mental illness, and promote the mental health of our community. Feb. 1 - 13. Learn more at midlandstech.edu/GetPsyched

MISSIONS



Collections for February
Our Sharing God's Love collection:
We will be collecting Beanie Weenies as well as any kind of canned meat like chicken, tuna, salmon, ham, corned beef and spam too. Thank you!



Our ongoing collections are:
Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for Seven Oaks Elementary School. We also continue to collect for Two Cents a Meal for the hungry in the red ribbon jars at our meals. You may leave your items in the Missions drop off room or the black baskets in the narthex. Thank you.

Providence Men's Home
The Missions Ministry led by Robert and Kitsie Miller will prepare and serve a meal on the second Tuesday, Feb. 12. If you would like to help with these meals, please contact Robert or Kitsie. Thank you to the Millers and everyone who helps provide and serve meals to the men who live there.

January Missions Donations - SC Presb. Communities - Columbia \$500

Loving Our Neighbors: The Missions Ministry last month

- * The Millers and members provided a Tuesday night meal to the men of Providence Men's Home.
 - * Collected toiletries and other items to Sharing God's Love.
 - * Packed food backpacks for the children of Seven Oaks Elementary School.
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered time and gave donations this past month, you are a blessing to those in need.

Soup Kitchen 2019

Thank you to everyone who helps make sandwiches for the men of Oliver Gospel Mission at Centennial ARP Church. The Soup Kitchen will be held each of the following Saturdays this coming year at 10 a.m. at Centennial ARP Church at 1413 Laurel Street: March 16, May 18, July 20, Sept. 21, Nov. 23, Jan. 25, 2020. Thanks to Greg Mixon for coordinating this ministry and to everyone who helps.



The Oliver Gospel Mission

Rescuing and Rebuilding Lives Since 1888



Seven Oaks Mission Grant Awarded
In December the Missions Ministry awarded the Seven Oaks Grant to Mission Lexington (formerly LICS). Out of many applications for the grant, Mission Lexington was selected to receive \$2000 for their project- New Underwear for our Neighbors. In 2017 over 4660 people received free clothing, which also included new under garments for each family member. They have had to cut back on the amount of under garments given away because they are serving more people in need. With the money from this Mission grant, they will purchase new socks, underwear, bras and tee shirts. According to Robin Bowers, the Executive Director, providing this most basic need is a dignified and Godly way to treat our neighbors.

WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

February 10

Josie Werner

February 17

Lucy Park

February 24

Ewan Park



TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

February 3

Melanie Mixon

February 10

Marty Hilyer

February 17

Jean Mandeville

February 24

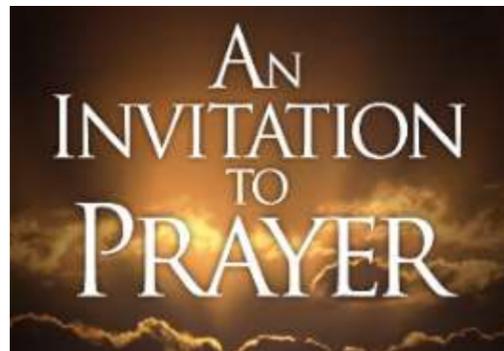
Judy Barnes



2019 Flower Calendar

The flowers in our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings are beautiful and are enjoyed by our congregation each week. If you would like to donate flowers please contact the church office or sign the flower calendar located in the Narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



We will have a Prayer Vigil to participate in World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 1, 2019**. Please watch your bulletins for more information.



ADMINISTRATION



Funds collected	\$174,441
Pledges still to collect	\$ 43,350
Total	\$217,791

Thank you for your contributions for our Organ Renovations and Debt Free Building Fund. Our \$310,000 goal is in sight, thanks to you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Godly Play - Ages 4 - 5th Grade (meets in the Godly Play Room)

"The Godly Play approach helps children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond." (The Godly Play Foundation)

Godly Play is a way of telling the stories of God and God's people that is faithful and imaginative. In Godly Play the children do not just learn about God, but the ultimate relationship between the child and God is nurtured. Lessons include:

- Listening to the Story – a story is told using manipulatives, then children are given the opportunity to answer "wondering questions" and listen to others.
- Response to story – each child can decide to journal, use story materials, read the story in the Bible, use art such as clay, painting, drawing, & beads.
- Feast and Prayer – students and teachers pray together, then enjoy a snack while conversing and building community

Middle School Sunday School: (meets in the Youth Room)

Spice Rack is a downloadable Bible curriculum perfect for middle school students, with 15 individual studies that cover an entire year. Each lesson is packed with a variety of activities, discussion questions, and games, providing leaders the flexibility to use any time.

High School: (meets in the Youth Room)

We are studying "Faith Questions". Each session encourages our youth to look to Scripture as well as our faith traditions in relevant and responsive ways.

Brewing Faith (meets in Session Room)

For approximately the next three months, Brewing Faith will be studying "What Presbyterians Believe." We will be exploring and discussing our Reformed tradition and Calvinist theology, comparing and contrasting these convictions with the beliefs of our sister Christian denominations. As our main texts, we will use the Bible, the Book of Confessions, the Book of Order, and various PC (USA) publications. We will study what it means to be "a confessing church", as well as how Presbyterians view baptism and communion, and how these sacraments/ordinances speak to us, and yes, we will even discuss what "predestination" really means! If you are interested in learning how our Reformed tradition developed, how it speaks to us today, and how it differs from our Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Catholic, or Baptist friends, we heartily invite you to come join us in Brewing Faith.

Roads and Anchors class (meets in the Roads & Anchors room) studies a variety of contemporary Christian authors and current events. "The Wired Word", is a weekly email based series which presents current events that have made the headlines the past week, along with relevant scripture references that provide a Christian perspective on the issue. Other authors we are studying are Henri Nouwen, Adam Hamilton, Martha Grace Reese and Debby Irving. The class sits in a large circle and is heavily discussion and open-ended question based.

Fellowship Class (meets in the Fellowship classroom)

chooses a variety of material dealing with the books of the Bible and reformed theology, usually using study guides from PCUSA or books by current authors and presented by a variety of leaders in a lecture style format.





Bootcamp is at 5:30 p.m. Please be sure to stop by the registration desk for check-in as well as to punch your card! Remember, bringing guests, having dinner, and helping clean up can earn you more chances to win a prize! Dinner is \$3 per person with a cap of \$12 for a family.

February 10: Psalms and Proverbs

(Volunteers for J.A.M): Sue Kesterson, Mary Dempster, Vicki Craven

February 24: Book of Job

(Volunteers for J.A.M): Kitsie Miller, Kathy Keane, Melanie Mixon



Part of this year's Confirmation curriculum is bringing the congregation and the youth of the church together. On Feb. 10th we are looking for long time church members, willing to participate in the Confirmation Class during Bootcamp. On Feb. 24th we are looking for any church member involved with social justice or who can speak on social justice within our church or in the community with our confirmands. If you are interested please let Michaela know ASAP.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

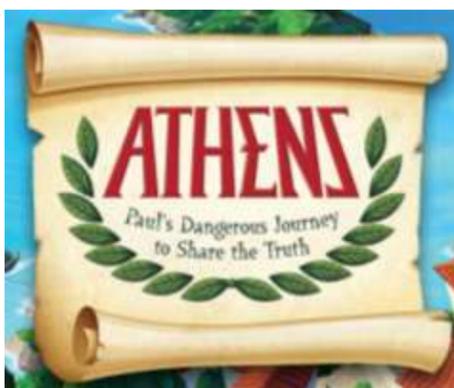
February 3 - Kitsie Miller

February 10 - Melanie Mixon

February 17 - Mary Dempster, Carol Griffith

February 24 - Sue Kesterson

The time has come again to create a calendar for Children's church, if you are interested in volunteering as a children's church assistant please let Michaela know. Even if you have volunteered before please reaffirm your commitment. Be sure to give her the dates that you are either available or unavailable. Thank you.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS is Athens Paul's Dangerous Journey to share the truth! It will take place June 24th - June 28th, if you would like to volunteer please let Michaela know! Remember the sooner you request a volunteer position the more likely you are to have a spot you would like! Training will be 4/28/19 following lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a second training 5/26/19 following the service in the session room. If you cannot attend either of these trainings, please let Michaela know.



Child and Youth Protection Training: We will have CYP training as part of VBS Training on 4/28 and 5/26. All volunteers planning to work with children for the upcoming year MUST attend if you are not volunteering for VBS you may leave following the CYP training.



Fundraising: This year our fundraising program will look a little different than last year's. Below you will find a list of fundraising events already scheduled, please keep in mind that there may be more events added depending on how these go. For each event the children/youth that are participating will split the proceeds for that event.

For example: if three children/youth work an event and we raise \$300 each child/youth working that event will be allotted \$100 to put towards any of the trips listed below. This being said, whatever cost is not covered by the fundraising for each child/youth will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

*IF there is an issue with cost to be paid by the family, please let Michaela know.

Important Dates:

2/17/2019 – Chili Cook- Off – Fundraising component

3/3/2019 – Bake Sale and Spaghetti Supper

3/17/2019 – Dessert sale during church night supper

4/28/2019 – Silent Auction – Lunch (Children and Youth Fundraiser)

6/30/2019 -7/3/2019 – Camp Fellowship

7/7/2019 – 7/13/2019 – High School Montreat Conference

7/17/2019 – 7/21/2019- Middle school Montreat Conference

8/4/2019 – 8/9/2019 – Youth Mission Trip

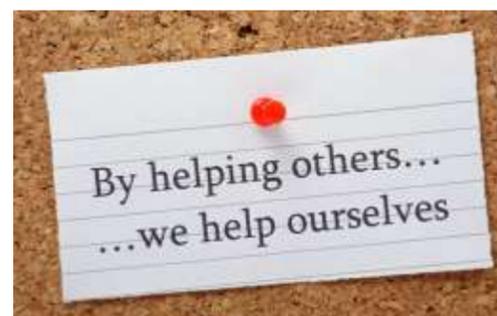


Youth Mission Trip: (12 and up)

For our trip this year we will be going to Charleston, SC and we will be staying at the mission house of James Island Presbyterian Church. The trip will be the week of 8/4/2019 – 8/9/2019. We will be serving many different organizations this year including but not limited to: Water Missions International, Low Country Food Bank, Low Country Orphan Relief and doing a beach clean-up in conjunction with the South Carolina Aquarium. We will also have daily devotions and some free time.

If possible, please let me know by the first Sunday in February (Feb. 3rd Souper Bowl Sunday) what your children/youth are interested in participating in this summer. The sooner we have an idea of interest the sooner we can lock in cheaper rates for conferences as well as lodging and volunteer sites for the mission trip. The mission house books quickly we will need to book ASAP!

We are looking for volunteers for Summer youth trips!
This year's trip is in Charleston, SC.
You are welcome to come for the day to help out or longer.
Please let Michaela know if you are interested.



We are currently accepting donations of items or services to use at our Silent Auction for our Children and Youth. The funds will be used to defer the cost of Youth Conferences, Mission Trips and Camp Fellowship. Please give items to Michaela or tell her what services you would like to donate before April 14th. Thank you for your contributions. The auction will be held in the Fellowship Hall on April 28th. Please look for more details in the March Leaf.