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We are growing in grace one neighbor at a time.





The Sea of Galilee

By Rev. Tyler Williams

The Sea of Galilee is an important location for Jesus in the Gospels. It is at this body of water where he calls the Disciples, where Jesus feeds the 5,000 and where walks on the waters and stills the storm. But what is the Sea of Galilee? What is it like?

The body of water known as the Sea of Galilee is mentioned several time in the Bible. But it is mentioned by different names, Sea of Chinnereth (Numbers 34:11, Deut. 3:17, Josh. 13:27), the Sea of Galilee (Isiah 9:1; Matt 4:16, 18 5:29; Mark 1:16, 7:31; John 6:1), Lake Tiberias (John 21:1) , and Lake of Gennesaret (Luke 5:1).

Sea of Galilee is located in the northeastern region of Israel and is in between the Golan Heights and the Galilee region. This natural lake is the largest freshwater body in Israel. It is also the lowest freshwater body of water in the world, being roughly 700ft. below sea level. The lake is roughly 13 miles long and 7 miles at its widest. The area of the lake is 64.4 miles² with average depth of 84ft. and at its deepest 141 ft. Here in North Carolina we have a lake that is similar in area but much shallower, Lake Mattamuskeet. Lake Mattamuskeet is in Hyde county near

the Pamlico sound.

This lake is fed by underground springs and the Jordan River which flows from north to south down to the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee has several cities and towns around its banks. Some of the cities the Bible mentions include Tiberias, Gennesaret, Capernaum and Bethesda. Fishing was and continues to be part of life on the Sea of Galilee. There are several species of fish present including tilapia, catfish and carp.

The Sea of Galilee is an enduring place. A location rich with history and religious significance. It is also a place where the faithful can go and visit, seeing what Jesus saw and walk where he walked.

Christ Be With Me – St. Patrick

**Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.
May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us. Amen**

Lent Bible Study

**“Lent in Plain Sight” by Jill J. Duffield
Meeting 11am Wed. of Lent
in the Conference Room**

- **March 5th Ash Wednesday pages 5-7 & 11-13**
- **March 12th Week 2: Bread pages 19-30**
- **March 19th Week 3: Cross pages 43-54**
- **March 26th Week 4: Coin pages 67-78**
- **April 2nd Week 5: Shoes pages 91-102**
- **April 9th Week 6 :Oil pages 115-126**
- **April 16th Holy Week pages 139-150**

Souper Bowl 2/9/2025

West Haven members celebrated Super Bowl Sunday by having our own Souper Bowl. Following worship on February 9th, we gathered in the fellowship hall to enjoy delicious soups and chili. A total of \$424.00 was received in donations. Thanks to the generosity of our members, Pastor Tyler will delivered a check for the \$424 to United Community Ministries to be used for its soup kitchen.





THANK YOU!

WEST HAVENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\$424

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



**TACKLE
HUNGER**

Trinity Presbyterian Church

February 09, 2025

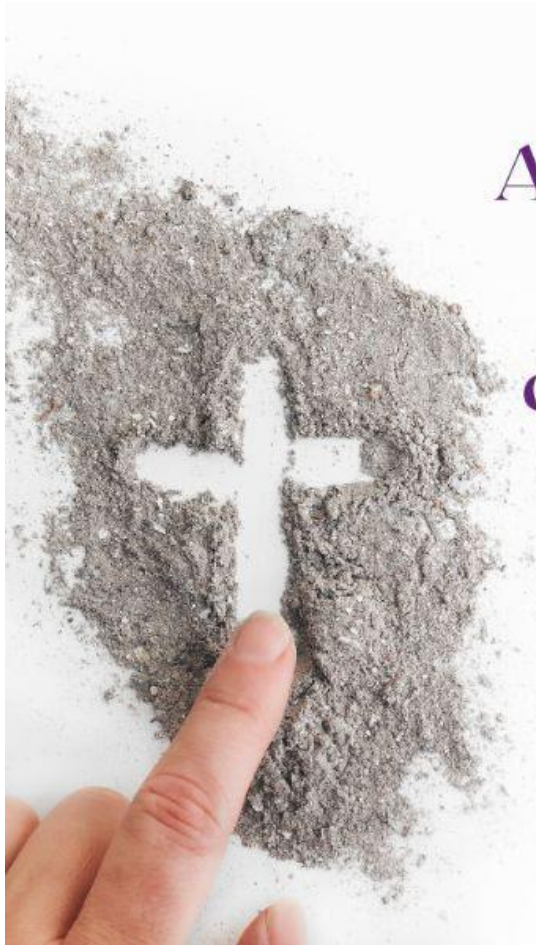
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring




Lenten Bible Study

**11am Wednesdays
March 5th-April 16th**





**Community
Ash Wednesday
Service
at West Haven
6pm
March 5th**



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Around the Church

Session News:

At the stated session meeting on Feb. 25th, the following business was conducted:

- Approved vacation for Reverend Williams for May 4th - May 11th
 - Approved the 2024 Statistical Report sent to the Presbytery
- Approved Judy Sink becoming a member of West Haven during the March 16th service.

- Approved West Haven's participation in the following Lenten Services:
 - Ash Wednesday Service at West Haven
 - Maundy Thursday Service at Morton
- Approved West Haven's participation in Gatekeepers 2025
- Approved the following communion dates for 2025-2026
 - April 20th - Easter
 - June 15th - Trinity Sunday
 - October 5th - World. Communion Sunday
 - December 14th - 3rd Sunday in Advent
 - April 26th - Easter (2026)
- Approved Charlotte Beck's vacation for March 24th - 28th.
 - Approved Easter services for April 20th.
 - Sunrise service in the sanctuary at 8:00 am.
 - Easter Breakfast at 8:30
 - Easter Service at 11:00
- Approved building request by Elaine Weisner for a wedding shower (Cameron and Margaret Privott's daughter) on July 12th.

Announcements

- Liturgist sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.
- Hunger for Change donation Sun. Mar. 5th, Andrew will come and collect.
- Lenten Bible Study Wed. Mar. 5th at 11 am in the Conference Room. Please read pages 5-7 and 11-13.
- Women's Circle will meet Wed. Mar. 5th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Community Service for Ash Wednesday, on Wed March 5th at 6pm at West Haven Presbyterian Church.
 - Time will change Sun. Mar. 9th. Please set clocks one hour ahead.
- Presbyterian Men will meet Tue. Mar. 11, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- Handcraft Ministries will meet Mar. 19th, at 2pm at First Presbyterian Church.
- We will welcome Judy Sink as a member of West Haven PC Mar. 16th.
- Covered Dish Luncheon Sun. Mar. 16th after worship. Please bring a favorite dish (or two!) to share.
- Session will meet Tues. Mar. 25th at 4pm, in the Conference Room.

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

March 16th, Sunday after worship hour.

Please bring a favorite dish (or two!) to share!
from Patty Shearin

Covenant Prayer – John Wesley

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,

Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

**I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory
and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God,**

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,

you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the

covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
ATTENDED THE
SOUPER BOWL!
WE COLLECTED
\$424 FOR THE
UCM SOUP
KITCHEN!





SUN. MARCH 9, 2025

**TIME WILL CHANGE!
SET CLOCKS ONE HOUR FORWARD**



Finance and Personnel

Pledges as of date: 1/31/2025

\$5865.00 (YTD Actual)

\$6950.00 (YTD Budget)



“In the Evening”

O Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then in thy mercy,
grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. Amen.



**Session Will Meet
Tues. March 24th at 4pm in the
Conference Room**

Officer In Charge and Greeter Schedule for March 2025:

	OIC	Greeter
March 02	Peggy Griffin	Betty Jones
March 09	H.C. Shearin	Catherine Flye
March 16	Ann Martin	Nancy Nelson
March 23	Patty Shearin	Kathy Lawson
March 30	Rick Adams	Pat Adams

Thank you, officers and greeters, for your dedication to your Church and community!

Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Amen.



Community Maundy Thursday Service!
Bethlehem PC will host a soup dinner
April 17th at 5pm
with worship service at 6:30pm

March Recipe!

Tomato Pie

Ingredients

1-9" deep dish pie crust
1½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese
2 medium tomatoes
Fresh basil leaves
4 cloves garlic, minced
½ cup mayo
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese

¼ tsp pepper

Instructions

Bake pie crust per directions.

Remove from oven and sprinkle with ½ c mozzarella cheese

Cool on wire rack.

Cut tomatoes into slices and drain on paper towels.

Arrange slices on top of cheese in pie crust.

Sprinkle with minced garlic.

Cut or tear basil leaves into small pieces, sprinkle on top.

Combine remaining cheeses, mayo and pepper.

Spoon over basil and spread

Bake at 375 until topping gets bubbly.

Submitted by Lorraine Brice





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First Presbyterian
First United Methodist
Lakeside Church
St. Andrew's Episcopal
West Haven Presbyterian

COMMUNITY

VBS

JUNE
16-20

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

8:45 a.m. - Noon
Ages 3 (potty trained)
thru 5th Grade

**First United Methodist Church
100 S. Church Street**

Scan the QR code or register online
at www.lakesidechurchrmt.org

