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## THE PASTOR'S PEN



March 14 is a special day for those who love dessert. It is called Pi Day. You may eat a pie if you would like, but the day is called as such because the numbers that represent the month and date are 3 and 14. They are the first three digits in the Greek letter  $\pi$  or  $\pi$  (3.14).

I became more fascinated with  $\pi$  this time around, because it is such an odd symbol. We only use it to calculate the circumference of a circle. We multiply it to the diameter or double the radius of a circular shape, and then we get its exact size. However, we cannot get the exact size of  $\pi$ , because it cannot be measured exactly. It goes on and on. This makes it an irrational number. We say that  $\pi$  is 3.14, but the number keeps going on as 3.141592653589793238 and so forth. Nobody knows when the number will end. It seems to be infinite. Currently, there are less than 63 trillion known digits attached to  $\pi$ . If I could write just one million of them, this newsletter would be full of random numbers more than 1666 pages long!

One mathematician and professor named Charles N. Moore says, "Pi is both troublesome and mysterious. A circle is something very simple and beautiful, yet the number pi is not." A circle is a solid, constant object. Pi is not solid. It seems to be out of everybody's grasp. Nobody is ever going to know it completely, and yet many have dedicated much time and effort exploring all its possibilities.

We can say that God is like  $\pi$ . God is troublesome and mysterious. That is if we try to nail down God and say, "This is who God truly is." Every time we do, God is something else. "Wholly Other" is what the German theologian Paul Tillich would have said. God is within our grasp, and yet God escapes our grasp. God makes himself known to us, but we cannot fully understand all about God. Just when we have done all the calculations, come up with a fixed theology about God, God reveals something new. Just like another digit appearing under the number  $\pi$ , God always has something to show us that we could never predict. Even John says in his Gospel, "This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that [Jesus'] testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written" (John 21:24-25). God is that huge, that ongoing, that infinite.

Yet, we are willing to dedicate time and effort in knowing more about God. We are willing to explore the possibilities – read another page from Scripture, offer another prayer, attend another worship service, offer assistance to another person – and we will always come up with something new about God. We are not going to know God completely, at least not on earth, but we still commit our lives to God. We explore more of God and find ourselves accepting God's unpredictability. No matter, for our mysterious and everlasting God makes us solid and constant. God shapes us into simple yet beautiful objects that carry the love of God to every place and time. God will not end, and so through faith we will not end. In God we will go on and on forever.

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John'.

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests



**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Family of Helen Bell (former member), Kimberly Hearn (former member), Linda Lillie, Judy Chapman, Laraine Tinsley (Tanya Costa's mother), Jeanette Adams, Susan Apostolero, David Barrett, Rebekah Barrett, Wilhelmina Bowens, Frank Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Susan Brown, Jo Calhoun, Bruce Campbell, Ken & Janis Campbell, Delores Candy, Lucie Cantrell, Teresa Carpenter, Marcia Cartledge, Mandy Chapman, Thomas Chukwura, Ugo Chukwura, Dr. Maria Coleman, Betty Colwell, Cheryl Crider, Felix Cruz, Lei Eason, Virginia Ellett, Jonathan Emerson, Mary Farwell, Anne Fordham, Christian Funderburk, Angela Funk, Betty Gammage, Jessica Giddens, Kay Goodman, Raymond Goza, Russell Goza, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Igou Jackson, Berniece Lillegard, Bruce Lillegard, Doug Lozel, Stephanie Lozel, Chris Lukat, Carol McGhee, Don McGhee, Libby McNair, Ralph Middleton, Grandma Moriles, Mary Ann Moriles, Rick Peel, Dean Perry, Doris Ragan, Jeff Ragan, Guillermo Rara, Neris Saavedra, Rita Smith, James & Floryne Spence, Steven Sterzik, Carol Trustorf, Gene Ussery, Sharon Veldsma, Janine Washington, Carolyn Weems, and Terry Williams. Our nation, Our Military, Our Missionaries; Our College Students. *A full prayer list is available.*

## Relay for Life Events



**Baskets and More, March 12.** Have you been thinking about what you can create for the Relay for Life Baskets and More Auction? Things like pies, cakes, plants, quilts, woodworking items, and picnic baskets filled with delicious food ready to eat! **Please call, text or email Susie Grant, 404-514-9561, yuleforest@gmail.com to let her know what you can donate!**

The proceeds from this auction go to our Relay for Life Team and will help fight cancer through the American Cancer Society. We all have been touched either having cancer ourselves or knowing someone who has dealt with this terrible disease.

Please join in to support our Team, the CrossWalkers. Also call Albert Coughlin, 404-384-0977 if you want to be part of this great team!!

The Relay for Life will take place on April 28 from 6-11 p.m. at the Salem Baptist Church Park, 1724 GA-155 N, McDonough.



## Thank You Notes

*Thank You*

*From the Youth...* Many thanks to everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl offering. We received \$ 523.22. This money goes to our own Helping Hands Food Pantry here at MPC.

*From Mary Ann Moriles...* To my Beloved Church Family, Thank you so much for your get well cards and well wishes on my left knee replacement surgery which was done January 24. Felt all your prayers, love, and encouragement. I am slowly healing and doing the PT exercises which is no joke. Can't wait to run or dance in the next MPC event. Appreciate the love y'all.

*From Libby McNair...* Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits as I continue to improve. It's great to have such a loving church family.



## Daylight Saving Time begins

### March 12

**Be sure your clocks spring forward one hour so you aren't late for church!**

## Presbyterian Women

**PWCT— March 5, 12:15 p.m.** The PWCT will meet in person in the McNair/Seekers classroom.

**Morning Glory Circle— March 12, 9:30 a.m.** The Morning Glory Circle Bible Study is open to all women. The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday school hour. The group is on Lesson 4 of the Study Book “Celebrating Sabbath.” No pre-reading is required.

**Virginia Dews Circle, March 13, 6:30 p.m.** The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on March 13 in the McNair/Seekers classroom at 6:30 p.m.

**Dorcas Circle, March 14, 10 a.m.** The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

### **PW Project for 2023**

**Kitchen Refresh**—We will continue to refresh the church kitchen as our project for the year. An Amazon Wish List will be set up in the near future for items needed for the kitchen. Money may also be given to your circle chairs for the project.

## MPC Spring Outing at the Tulip Festival , March 19



### **MPC/YULE FOREST TULIP FESTIVAL DAY, March 19 after church**

The congregation has been invited to the Tulip Festival at Yule Forest on March 19 at a discounted price following the worship service. They will be open until 6 p.m.

**Tickets must be purchased at the gate. Cost: \$10** Please don't purchase your ticket online as it won't be discounted and the funds won't go to the church. All MPC tickets purchased at the gate will go to the Congregational Care Ministry Team to help fund the School Kick-Off entertainment in August. *“This is the perfect way to wipe away the winter blues and enjoy giant tulip fields, u-pick flower gardens, farm animals, photo opportunities, the artisan market, food trucks, and a host of family friendly activities.”*

## Welcome, Georgina C. Onuoha!



**Welcome to Georgina C Onuoha**, daughter of Ogbu & Chinaza Onuoha who was born on September 19, 2022 in Abia State, Nigeria. Georgina & mom, Chinaza, are currently preparing to come to the states.



## Congratulations to the Keenes!

**Congratulations to....**

**Carol Oswalt and Ron Keene** who married on December 9, 2022.

Ron & Carol reside in Eatonton, GA.

Best Wishes to the newlyweds!







**Sundays 5-7 p.m.**

**2 years — 5th grade**



**Sundays 5-7 p.m.**

**6th grade - 12th grade**



Would you like to join the choir for a short-term "trial" run?

Please join us for practice and singing our Palm Sunday and Easter anthems.

Choir practice on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.

*"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 96:1*



- April 2** - **Palm Sunday**
- April 6** - **Maundy Thursday Seder/Communion**
- April 9** - ***Easter Sunday***
- April 28** - **Relay for Life, 6—11 p.m., Salem Baptist Church Park**
- April 30** - **PW Wedding Shower for Grayson Gammage & Morganne Thomas 2 p.m. Registered at Target, Amazon, and The Knot Registry**

# Valentine's Dinner & Dance

## February 11, 2023



Fun Night!





# MARCH

## March Birthdays

- 3/3 - Jim LeDuke
- 3/6 - Chase Gammage
- 3/7 - Mary Bridges
- 3/10 - Susie Grant
- 3/11 - Ruth Boggs
- 3/12 - Mary Onuoha
- 3/13 - Tricia Koehler
- Otis Onuoha
- Sara Folds
- 3/14 - Stacy Weems
- 3/16 - Ian Turner
- 3/20 - Pat Randolph
- 3/21 - Penny Thomas (1)
- 3/22 - Terry Dyche
- 3/26 - Jeannie Hodges
- Josh McLeod
- 3/27 - Berniece Lillegard
- 3/28 - Patrick Johnson
- 3/29 - Joana Tawia



## March Anniversaries

- 3/9 - Bruce & Carol Campbell (32)
- 3/10 - Cal & Hannah Folds (16)



**WE LOVE**  
OUR VOLUNTEERS

### ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Otis Onuoha  
Secondary: James Eason

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Dorcas Circle

### USHERS

David Turner, Captain; Terry Broom,  
Twarna Johnson, Dock & Andra Gammage

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 5 - Mary Dyche
- 12 - Allen Grant
- 19 - Mike Sneed
- 26 - Pastor John

### LITURGIST

- 5 - Dock Gammage
- 12 - James Eason
- 19 - Mary Dyche
- 26 - Otis Onuoha

### COUNTING TEAM

Tricia Koehler and Jo Calhoun

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

- 5 - Arrah Thomas
- 12 - Open
- 10 - Open
- 26 - Open

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."

Psalm 16:2

## Financial Health—February, 2023

February 5	- \$ 8,693.00	<b>Needed:</b>	<i>Thank You</i>
February 12	- \$ 2,924.22	\$ 23,985.84	
February 19	- \$ 3,740.77	<b>Received:</b>	<i>Thank You</i>
February 26	- \$ 8,085.48	\$ 24,135.87	
Online	- \$ 692.40		

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

### SUNDAY SCHOOL








February 5	-	20
February 12	-	15
February 19	-	16
February 26	-	21

### IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

February 5	-	63
February 12	-	78
February 19	-	61
February 26	-	83



# MARCH 2023

 <p>Everyone's Irish On March 17th.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>7 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Peacemaker's Life Group</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Office closed</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook 12:15 p.m. PWCT 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Glory Circle 9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Face- book / Baptism 12:15 p.m. Basket Auction 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 p.m. VA Dews Circle</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>10 a.m. Dorcas Circle 6:30 p.m. Scouts 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 a.m. Living Branch Life Group</p> <p>7 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Office closed</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 12:15 p.m. MPC Tulip Festival Day 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 5:00 p.m Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 