



## LENT 2025

**Ash Wednesday,**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00 PM**

**We will begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service on March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM. This is a time to remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, to mourn our sin and our mortality, and to reflect and repent.**

LAFAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL MISSION PROJECT  
MARCH 16 - APRIL 20

**WEE DIAPER BANK**



**(E)mpowering Families, One Diaper at a Time**



**PLACE DIAPERS AND DONATIONS IN  
THE DIAPER BIN LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX**

The next Congregational Mission Project will be collecting diapers for the Tallahassee Wee Diaper Bank. This non profit 501C3 organization has been providing diapers to those in need since 2015. We will be collecting new diapers of all sizes from March 16 through Easter April 20. You will find the collection bin in the narthex. Most likely the best stores to

purchase diapers from would be Walmart, Sams, Costco, and Amazon. If you feel out of touch with purchasing diapers, monetary donations may be made with the notation "Diaper Drive" and placed in the offering plate.

**What is Diaper Need? Diapers are a basic necessity for every baby, critical to their health and development. Keeping infants and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy is essential for them to thrive. However, 1 in 2 U.S. families with young children struggles to afford clean diapers, creating significant challenges for both the child and their caregivers.**

**The Impact of Diaper Need in Our Community: In our local area, many families face financial hardship when it comes to purchasing diapers. Without clean diapers, babies are at risk for health issues like diaper rash and infections, and parents may be forced to miss work or school to stay home with their child. With an average cost of \$80 per month per child, the expense of diapers can add up quickly, making it difficult for families to meet this basic need.**

**Please join us for our second mission project of 2025.**

## From the Pastor

Friends,

As Christians, we seek to find the meaning of life in Christ in every moment. While each season is precious, the season of Lent invites us to reflect on repentance and gratitude. This year, Ash Wednesday—the first day of Lent—falls in March, offering us an opportunity to revisit the significance of this sacred season through the words of the Book of Common Worship.

“Lent” comes from an old English word for springtime, perhaps connected with the lengthening of days in this time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The season of Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. In ancient Christian practice, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of Baptism at Easter. In many churches, it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for Baptism or confirmation, and for the whole community of faith to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

Reconciliation is a key theme in the season of Lent—reconciliation with God and with one another through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a period of forty days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call of repentance to Nineveh, and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter. (Westminster John Knox, 2018)

During this season, many Christians observe fasting or abstinence, dedicating more time to prayer and Scripture. What spiritual practice will you embrace this coming Lent? May God deepen your relationship with Christ and fill you with renewed joy and strength.

In Christ,  
Hanlim Chae



Your **Session Members in 2025** are:

Class of 2025: Randy Burns, Phil Ferguson, Denise Vandiver

Class of 2026: Faith Kinneer, Doug Pitts, Ned Stacey

Class of 2027: Ken Johnson, Paul Munyon, Matt Weinell

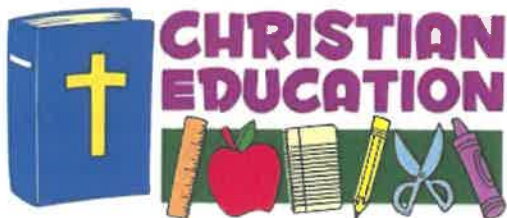
Your **Deacons in 2025** are:

Class of 2025: Aliceann Donaldson, Karen Richards

Class of 2026: Diane Dowling, Sandi Herrington,  
John Kinneer, Molly Miller, Nancy Telander

Class of 2027: Rita Tucker, Carol Wade





## Thursday Bible Study



Our Thursday Bible Study, led by Jackie Montgomery, meets on the first and third

Thursday of the month at 1:30, in Jackie's new apartment #318. The dates for March will be March 6th and March 20th. They will continue the study of Acts and add the viewing of a DVD on Paul and his missions. This study is very casual, open for anyone, and they would be excited to have new members attend.

Check with Jackie, Cheryl, or Rita for directions and parking solutions.

# welcome

Please Join us in Welcoming new Chair and Co-Chair of the Christian Ed Committee – Denise Pentecost and Matt Weinell.

Remember we will be charting your continuing education credits for the Spiritual Growth Campaign this year.

100% participation is the Goal!

Please also plan to join us as we take a couple exciting Field Trips to FSU:

Come listen to our awesomely talented Intern Maggie Merrell, as she will be performing Bellini (Italian), Schubert (German), and Quilter (English), and a set of Golden Age pieces by various artists! Show your support at the FSU Lindsey Recital Hall at 4pm, Sunday, March 30th.

Then, Tuesday, April 1st (No Joke), our (also) awesomely talented Accompanist, Bryden Reeves will be featured as a Soloist and Guest Artist with the FSU Symphonic Band on their final concert of the year. She will be playing "The Authors Suite" and a piece from the Studio Ghibli Movie "Howl's Moving Castle".

This will be at the Ruby Diamond Hall at 7:30pm.

You won't want to miss either of these great performances.

Stay Tuned for new C.E. events starting in April.



## CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

The Crafts for Missions group workshop meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, **March 27th**. We meet in our Christian Education Building at **1:30 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME**. We are very casual. **New** members or **new** projects for the **new** year would be wonderful!

We usually have a focus craft for the month, however, you can always work on whatever project you are interested in. There are numerous items that can be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. That mission always has needs. We have several items that we donate to the Operation Christmas Child boxes. And there are always our loom knitted hats to create! The group has other ministries that we support and we also love new ideas or new ministries!

We hope you will celebrate the upcoming spring by joining us. Come and see what we are up to!

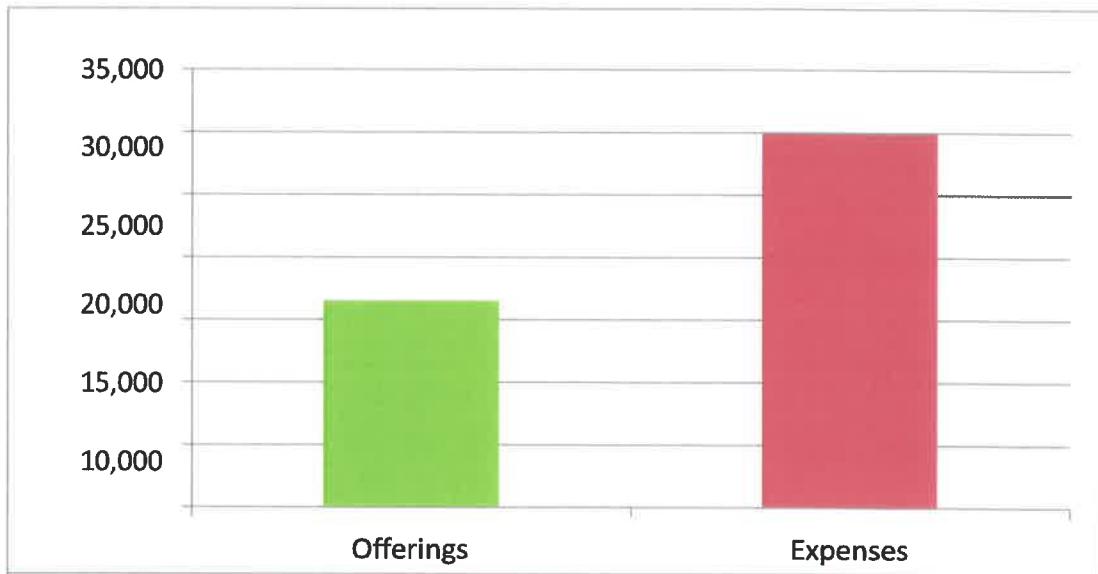
Join us in March. "Come and see." (John 1:46).

## Growing in Grace

The Grace Sunday School class continues to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Christian Education building. Beginning Sunday, March 2, 2025, the class will start with some new (recycled) curriculum from the PW Horizons Bible Study. This bible study is titled "Confessing the Beatitudes". If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Doug Pitts.



JANUARY 2025 FINANCIAL UPDATE	
Actual Offerings Jan	Actual Expenses Jan
\$16,553.37	\$29,915.38



## Session Highlights February 2025

Moderator, the Rev. Dr Hanlim Chae opened the meeting with prayer.  
 Minutes of the January Session Meetings were approved.  
 Lafayette's Statistical Report to the General Assembly was approved.  
 The Personnel committee has received many applicants for our Office Manager position.  
 The Worship committee will host the March Fellowship Luncheon.  
 Rev. Chae closed the meeting with prayer.



## USHERS ARE NEEDED

There are several usher openings for our Sunday morning worship services.  
 If this is a way that you would be able to serve, please contact Rita.



SPRING FORWARD WITH THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE AS WE HOST YOUR MARCH FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON! FRIED CHICKEN, ROLLS, AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.**  
**Please let Ken Johnson know if you plan on attending.**



## Coffee and a Cookie Book Club

Please join us for book discussions and plenty of fellowship. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Monday of the Month from 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact Denise Vandiver for more details. These are the next book we will be reading.

- **Monday, March 17, 2025 ~ An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor**

*Barry Laverty, M.B., can barely find the Northern Ireland village of Ballybucklebo on a map when he first sets out to seek gainful employment there. But Barry jumps at the chance to secure a position as an assistant in a small rural practice. At least until he meets Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly. The older physician has his own way of doing things. At first, Barry can't decide if the pugnacious O'Reilly is the biggest charlatan he has ever met or the best teacher he could ever hope for.*

***This is a Travelling Book Club Book from the Library and books will be provided in February.***

- **Monday, April 21, 2025 ~ The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris**

*In the waning days of the Civil War, brothers Prentiss and Landry—freed by the Emancipation Proclamation—seek refuge on the homestead of George Walker and his wife, Isabelle. The Walkers, wracked by the loss of their only son to the war, hire the brothers to work their farm, hoping through an unexpected friendship to stanch their grief. Prentiss and Landry, meanwhile, plan to save money for the journey north and a chance to reunite with their mother, who was sold away when they were boys.*

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- **Monday, May 19, 2025 ~ The Housemaid by Freida McFadden**

*Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor. I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out... and by the time I realize my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late. But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am. They don't know what I'm capable of...*

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Bible Study

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	TIME	PLACE	CONTACT
MORNING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Lunch	2nd Tuesday	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall	Maree Peacock
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	Bible Study	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Education Building	Kay Lachat
EVENING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Supper	Last Tuesday	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Denise Pentecost



**The first Sunday in Lent every year is designated “Wear your blue t-shirt to church Sunday” as a testament of one of the ways One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference. On Sunday March 9th, we will celebrate Blue Shirt Sunday in honor of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and to spotlight the “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering which funds our disaster relief efforts. Join us in showing our support for PDA, wear your blue shirts (or dresses) and we would love to share your pic on our website and Facebook page.**



**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Scout Sunday. We had a great turnout and some of the Scouts and their families joined us for lunch! We love our Scouts and are so proud of them! Special thanks to our Charter Organization Representative, John Kinneer, for all he does for us and the Scouts.**





# PW Retreat 2025

## February 20-23







A minute for the environment - The Morning Circle's current bible study encourages us to take a look at ways people may act to protect our environment. The Circle has already provided a way for worship attendees to recycle their bulletins by placing them in a basket in the Narthex rather than throwing them in the garbage. We continue to look for other ways we, as members of God's family, can joyfully work toward the equitable use of our world's precious resources and preserve them for future generations. If you have suggestions for actions, large or small, that the church or individual members can take, let us know. Please pray the following prayer found in a recent lesson:

\*"We thank you, loving God, for refreshing rains, sunny skies, clear streams, predictable seasons, and bountiful harvests. We pray for all who seek clean, plentiful water and shelter from storms, that their needs might prevail over any who profit from their degradation. We seek to answer Jesus' call to give drink to the thirsty."

\*From Lesson 4 - Water Justice, Justice Rolls Down, 2024-2025 PW Horizons Bible Study

**On March 9th**

**at 2 a.m.**

**we**

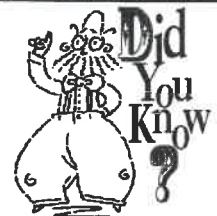
**Spring Forward**

**Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

BY PHIL FERGUSON



Today, a scapegoat means a person who takes the blame for something that is not his fault. In ancient Jerusalem a scapegoat had a religious meaning.

On the Day of Atonement (Also called Yom Kippur) two goats were received by the high priest. One was killed as a sacrifice to the Hebrew God Jehovah. The other was called the scapegoat.

The high priest would lay his hands on the head of the scapegoat as he confessed the sins of the people and symbolically transferred them to the goat. The goat was then led into the wilderness where it would die, along with the people's sins.



# March 2025

## Lafayette Presbyterian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1
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11:30 AM Deacon's Meet			7 PM Choir Practice			
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**Calendar Dates  
and  
Special Days**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

Sunday Worship	Sundays	10:30	AM
Grace Sunday School	Sundays	9:00	AM
Pastor's Bible Study	Wednesdays	2:30	PM
	Wednesdays	5:30	PM
	Fridays	10:00	AM
Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	7:00	PM

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

Aktion Club	1st, 3rd Wednesday	7:00	PM
Thursday Bible Study	1st, 3rd Thursday	1:30	PM
Circle of Friends	2nd Monday	6:30	PM
Committee Meetings	2nd Tuesday	6:30	PM
Men's Breakfast	2nd Saturday	9:00	AM
Contemporary Book Club	3rd Monday	1:30	PM
Crafts for Missions	4th Thursday	1:30	PM
Morning Circle	2nd Tuesday	10:30	AM
Session Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:30	PM
Evening Circle	Last Tuesday	6:00	PM

SCOUTS (actual times and dates may vary)

Girl Scouts 4023	1st Sunday	2:00	PM
Pack 10 Meetings	Mondays	6:30	PM
Troop 10 Meetings	1st, 3rd Tues	7:00	PM
Senior Patrol Leaders	2nd Tuesday	7:00	PM
Crew 10	3rd Thursday	7:00	PM

<b>SUN</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord/Communion</b>
			<b>International Rescue Cat Day</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>Caregiver Appreciation Day</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>National Oreo Day</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>Employee Appreciation Day</b>
			<b>World Prayer Day</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>International Women's Day</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2:00 AM</b>	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS</b>
		<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Fellowship Luncheon</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>National Girl Scout Day</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>National Good Samaritan Day</b>
<b>MON</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>Global Recycling Day</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>Spring Equinox</b>
			<b>Won't You Be My Neighbor Day</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>World Down Syndrome Day</b>
<b>THU</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>Lafayette Presbyterian 78th Anniversary!!!</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>Vietnam Veterans Day</b>



## We Lift Up In Prayer . . .

### Joys and Concerns, 02/23/25

- ◆ Prayers for Joy & Whit Miller, Bill & Molly Miller's son and daughter, as they are traveling to Colorado this week.
- ◆ Prayers for Connie Nehlsen who spent much of yesterday in the ER with abdominal issues. She's now resting at home.
- ◆ A Joy! Ken & Lois Johnson celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary this Wednesday!
- ◆ Prayers for Twila Phillips, who is back home at Pacifica and in quarantine after being hospitalized earlier this week. She has Covid and a kidney infection but is doing well.
- ◆ Prayers for Matthew Natal and his friends as they haven't been feeling well.

### Joys and Concerns, 02/16/25

- ◆ A Joy! Donna Lou Askew turned 91 this past Tuesday and is well.
- ◆ Prayers for the Tucker boys as they transition from students to employees-Hannah Tucker
- ◆ Prayers for Ed Rooney who is at TMH with heart failure and fluid retention-Sara Lou Smith
- ◆ Traveling mercies for Kay and Leo Lachat as they travel west.
- ◆ Prayers please, for the family of Edward Springer, brother of Connie Nehlsen, who recently lost his 40 year old daughter Caitlin.
- ◆ Prayers for Shelby Herman, who is on the last leg of her journey to her new home in Denver-Randy & Bonnie Burns
- ◆ Prayers for Peggy Johnson and family upon the passing of her brother Bob Kennedy on Thursday, February 13th. Arrangements are pending in Connecticut.
- ◆ Prayers for the family of Howard Schleich upon his passing. Howard was the son of Bill & Alice Schleich, former members of Lafayette. Howard also contributed to the renovation of our gazebo that was previously dedicated to his mother, Alice.

### Joys and Concerns, 02/09/25

- ◆ A Joy! Our Aunt Sunny finished her chemo treatment this past Wednesday!-John & Faith Kinneer
- ◆ A Joy! Today is Scout Sunday and it's nice to have the scouts with us today!

- ◆ A Joy! Jackie Montgomery's doctors have approved her for surgery.
- ◆ Prayers for Clara Ann Hand, 6 and half months old and still awaiting a heart transplant-Nancy McCoy-Cohen
- ◆ Prayers for Beth Gosnell and her family upon the passing of her brother-John & Faith Kinneer
- ◆ Prayers for Stephanie and family upon the passing of her 6 year old son-Ned & Christy Stacey

### Joys and Concerns, 02/02/25

- ◆ Prayers for Leo Lachat and family upon the passing of his father, Charles Lachat.
- ◆ Prayers for Ken Norman who has been released from the hospital.
- ◆ Prayers for Linda Allegood Lasseter, a high school classmate of Ken Norman, who is dealing with a critical health issue.

### Continued Prayers

- ◆ Our Armed Forces around the world
- ◆ Jordan Askew, grandson of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Angela and Jerry White, daughter and son-in-law of Donna Lou Askew
- ◆ Charla Casey's brother, Howell
- ◆ Jon Chapman's daughter, Tiffany
- ◆ LaVerne Gibson
- ◆ Anne Hebrock
- ◆ Jaya Herman
- ◆ Georgia Latimer
- ◆ Jeff Mills, friend of Faith Kinneer (heart transplant)
- ◆ Jackie Montgomery
- ◆ Twila Phillips
- ◆ Christy Stacey's sister-in-law, Charlotte Lehman and her brother Earl Keister.
- ◆ Russell Stovall
- ◆ Barry Fake, brother of Diana Swegman
- ◆ Denny Chevillot, friend of the Telander's
- ◆ Gail Yates
- ◆ Those who have no one to pray for them

*I call on you, my God,  
for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me  
and hear my prayer.*

Psalm 17:6NIV

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	Denise Vandiver Treasurer	Bryden Reeves Accompanist

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**March Ushers**

Diane Dowling  
Sandy Kuhn  
Hannah Tucker  
Substitutes



**March Birthdays**

6 Roman Welch	24 Bianca Martin
8 Chuck Brooks	28 Alan House
8 Rita Tucker	28 Faith Kinneer
13 Riley Stacey	30 Christopher Peele
17 Annette Preacher	30 Diana Swegman
18 Doug Pitts	



March articles  
are due  
**March 21**

*Remember our church in your will.*