

# THE PINECREST



## PRECENTOR

MAY 2020

### *From Our Senior Pastor -*

Dear Pinecrest Family,

As I celebrated Easter this year, I was once again reminded of S.M. Lockbridge's famous Good Friday sermon when he proclaimed, "It's Friday... but Sunday's Coming!". This message was a reminder that as bad as things looked on Friday, a better day was coming. Jesus Christ who was crucified for our sins on the cross would rise victoriously just three days later.

I believe this message resonated with me because it is so easy to get discouraged as we look around at the world today and see all of the difficulties. But as you do so don't forget that Sunday's coming- a better day will come. Hopefully soon we will be out of our homes and back at work and at church. Hopefully soon people will be able to go to work and to the store and to the park without fear of catching or spreading a terrible disease to others. But an even better day is coming when Jesus returns and all things are made new because in the new heavens and new earth there is no crying, sickness, disease, or death for all those things will have passed away. We are guaranteed of this great day because Sunday has already come, Easter is here, the tomb is empty, and thus Jesus was victorious.

Brothers and sisters cling to the hope of your risen savior in these difficult days, because this too shall pass. Sunday's coming.

In His grace,

*Rev. Rhett Carson*

p.s.- I just discovered on the internet that S.M. Lockbridge's initials stand for "Shadrach Meshach" and decided I needed to share that fun connection to the book of Daniel.

### *Intercessory Prayer*

All those affected by the Coronavirus; Government Leaders; Healthcare workers; Retirement Centers; Pinecrest Vision Team

### **Care Packages**

Pinecrest Church has put together Care Packages for those who are at high risk and/or our senior members which includes canned foods, all-purpose cleaners, and paper products. Please call the church office or Pastor Rhett and let us know if you or someone you know is in need. Care packages can be delivered and/or left outside your home.

### **COVID-19 Response**

The Pinecrest Session is continuing to evaluate the coronavirus situation in our community. We will continue to

look to the government, the medical professionals, and most importantly the Lord for wisdom in how and when we can meet together as a church family.

At the time of this newsletter, group gatherings of more than 10 people are still restricted in North Carolina, so in-person services and activities remain cancelled at Pinecrest Church. This could change in the month of May and we will notify you by phone through our calling service and by our newsletter email if/when these changes occur.

Until this happens, please continue to:

1. Pray for the end of the coronavirus and those affected by it.
2. Worship with us online through [pinecrestchurch.com/sermons](http://pinecrestchurch.com/sermons) or the Pinecrest Facebook page.
3. Give tithes and offerings to the church by mail or through our website.
4. Contact the church with any prayer requests or needs.
5. Check on other members of the Pinecrest Church family through phone or email.

### *Book of Remembrance*

The following have contributed towards the General Fund or other fund as noted below:

Mrs. Nancy Van Oosten contributed the majority of the funds to purchase a new industrial dish washer for the Church kitchen **in Memory of Mr. Dan Van Oosten.**

### **Inviting Others to Church Online**

The coronavirus has changed not only how we worship as a church but it has also changed how we invite others to church. Even while we are worshiping online we need to be inviting others to worship with us so that they can join us in praising God and hearing the gospel message. We can invite others to worship with us online through word of mouth but we can also invite them digitally. We digitally invite people to worship online by pressing the "like" button at the bottom of the video (the more likes, the more "like"-ly it is to pop on in someone's search for a church service). We also invite people to worship with us online by clicking the share button on the video and posting it to others through email or your Facebook page— a few words about what you learned or liked about the service will greatly encourage others to listen. Continue to join us for worship online each week but please also remember to encourage others to join us as well— they need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ too!

**Letter from the Moderator**

Dear Special People,

"How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?" (Psalm 137:4). It's a great question, isn't it? Those exiled Israelites did not hide their harps under the bushes, or the hollows of the rocks; rather they hung them up in plain view, that the sight of them might affect them with their deplorable change of circumstances. Yet, (dare I even say this?) perhaps they were at fault even in doing this; for praising God is never out of season.

Yes, praising God is never out of season! And, that's what I want us to get in this strange place we are living through! And by His grace, living "through" it we are for we shall soon, we trust, be able to worship together again in those houses of worship we each love.

In the meantime, your local church expenses go on, as do those of Christ's work around the world. Indeed, during this strange time some expenses, both local and missional, are greater than they would be in a normal time. So, as your Moderator, I write now to make an appeal because you have proven before that you are among the most generous of God's people. Would you prayerfully consider sending your church your tithe right away? Maybe you can even make a special extra gift to support our mission work around the world. I am reminded of Oswald Smith's great charge, "The mission of the church is missions and when the church takes care of missions God will take care of the church!" And He will!

You can put your gift in the mail directly to your church or to your church treasurer. God will be honored and His work will be advanced and you will be appreciated. Remember, praising God with our money will never be out of season!

Yours for Building Healthy Churches and Birthing Healthy Christians,

Leslie Holmes, Moderator



**The Precentor deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 24th.**



**Sermon Videos Online**

 We are very excited to announce that you may now view our full sermon online. Please go to our website, [Pinecrestchurch.com](http://Pinecrestchurch.com), then click on the Sermons tab and then on the right hand side of the page click where it reads "2020 Sunday Morning Worship". This link will direct you to our Facebook page where all of our sermons can be watched.

If you are already a Facebook pro, you may find our sermons by searching for Pinecrest ARP Church within Facebook. Friend us!

**Wednesday Online Prayer Meetings**

Until we are able to meet in person again, Pinecrest will be having an online prayer meeting each week on Wednesdays at 11AM using Zoom Cloud Meetings. If you did not receive an email from the church with in-

structions on joining, please contact the church office. Please email [pinecrestarp@gmail.com](mailto:pinecrestarp@gmail.com) with any prayer requests and plan to join us online each week as we pray for each other and for the end of the coronavirus.

**Online Giving**

During this difficult time, we wanted to make it easy for you to continue your contributions to the church. Please visit our webpage at Pine

[crestchurch.com](http://crestchurch.com) and click on the "Give Online"

button in the top right-hand corner. You may use a credit or debit card or opt for direct draft from your bank account. You may also download the Tithe.ly app, create an account, and then search for Pinecrest Presbyterian Church. Or you may opt to mail your check directly to the church at PO Box 421, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

**Senior Spotlight**

**Noelle Swift**—I enjoy hiking, biking, running, and spending time with my friends.

I am part of the senior class at Hendersonville High School. I'm a member of the cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams. I'm also a member of the symphonic band. I'm in Spanish Club, the National Honor Society, Outing Club (hiking), and a math tutor.

Next year, I will be attending the United States Air Force Academy where I plan to major in either Aerospace Engineering.

**Austin McMurray**—I haven't had a lot of time for extra activities because of my work schedule at KFC.

I am graduating from East High School this May.

I have already started taking classes at Blue Ridge Community College where I plan to continue this fall and work towards a degree in Automotive Systems Technology.

*Thank you*

I would like to say thank you to the Members and Session of Pinecrest Church for being so generous in maintaining church office hours by allowing me to work from home several hours per week to lessen possible exposure—to you as members, and to me—to this very scary virus during this unprecedented time. Your generosity has allowed me to continue to receive a paycheck to help support my household and has allowed me help others who are less fortunate. Thank you—Melody

<b>Financial Statement as of March 2020</b>		
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>*\$24,358</b>	<b>\$32,255</b>	<b>\$7,897</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>		
<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<b>*\$84,498</b>	<b>\$101,904</b>	<b>\$17,406</b>
<b>*Does not include investment losses.</b>		

# Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

**Sunday** 10:00 am Worship  
 11:15 am Sunday School  
 6:00 pm High School Discipleship Group

**Weekly Meetings & Events**  
 Monday 4:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 Tuesday 2:30 pm Sunshine Small Group—Every other week  
 Wednesday 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Evening Worship  
 Thursday 12:00 pm Sunday Bulletin Deadline  
 Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group

**All services have been suspended at least through April 30th. We will reevaluate at that time.**  
 The following calendar of events is subject to change.

## MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
3 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	4 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	5 2:30 pm Sunshine Group	6 4:00 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm 1st Wednesday Dinner & Program	7	8	9 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
10 Mothers Day 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	11 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	12 1:00 pm Circle 2—Library 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting	13 1:15 pm Circle 3—Library 4:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study	14 6:00 pm Circle 5—Library	15	16 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
17 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	18 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	19 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 2:30 pm Sunshine Group 7:00 pm Session	20 4:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study	21	22	23 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
24 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm HS Discipleship Group	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	26	27 4:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study	28	29	30 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
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### Circle News

Circle 2~ Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at Carolina Village.

Circle 5~ Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the church library.

If you are interested in joining a circle, please contact one of the circle leaders: Jeanie Bennett, Ruth Anne Gibson, Susan Sanders, or Kathy Carson.

## May Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 George Danz     | 27 Barbara Feather |
| 6 Bryson Issacs   | John Sanders       |
| 7 Emma Sherer     | 28 Jacob DeLuca    |
| 11 Bob Heltman    | Susan Moses        |
| Agnes Jones       | Mary Ann Owens     |
| 12 Eric Neal      | 30 Patricia Fisher |
| 14 Kathy Groves   |                    |
| 16 Ron Grigsby    |                    |
| 20 Kylee Issacs   |                    |
| Judy Fredrick     |                    |
| 21 Bill Owens     |                    |
| 23 Heidi Issacs   |                    |
| 25 Joanne Cambron |                    |
| Mike Rector       |                    |

If your name or family members name is missing and you'd like to have it included in future publications, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

## Worship Workers Schedule: May 2020 (Schedule subject to change.)

<b>Elder of the Month:</b> Bob Eckley	10...Barbara Sherrill 17...Emily Jane Carson	Pugliese, Ray Burns, and Dennis Dodd
<b>Deacon of the Week:</b> May 3...Jan Moore 10...Jim Moore 17...Paul Rector 24...Kim Shelton 31...Jim Hart	24...Marie Carson 31...Margo Pugliese	10...Jim Hart, Ron Grigsby, Dave Morton, and Paul Rector 17...Dan Eichenberger, Bill Guerard, Xan Hicks, and Eben Carson 24...Jim Moore, Bill Stanley, Mike Rector, and Paul Rector 31...Ken De Zwaan, Mike Pugliese, Ray Burns, and Dennis Dodd
<b>Greeters:</b> Please call the church office or Barbara Eichenberger to sign up to be a greeter for May & June.	<b>Children's Church:</b> May 3...Bill & Kathy Guerard 10...Lynn Rogers & Emily Jane Carson 17...Fran Jester 24...Sue Brogi 31...Gary & Mary Burrell	<b>Visitation Team:</b> Suspended until June 2020
<b>Toddler Nursery:</b> May 3...Eben Carson	<b>Ushers:</b> May 3...Ken De Zwaan, Mike	

### Youth Group Meetings

We are using Zoom to have our youth group meetings by video conference every Wednesday at 5pm. No download is required. Christian will send out the link every Wednesday before we start. Please contact Christian if you want to be put on the list for the meeting, also, please let Christian know how he can be in prayer for you and your students.

### Youth Room

During this time where we can't be together in person, exciting things are still happening at the church! We are hard at work on the ongoing youth room renovations, and are hoping to be finished by the time we are able to meet again. Please remember that all youth are invited to send their favorite Bible verse to Kim Shelton or Chris-

tian. We can't wait to share this new space with you soon!



**Food Pantry Needs:** Canned potatoes, canned corn, canned carrots, canned soups, instant potatoes, baked beans, hot dog buns, and stuffing mix. (We can store meat, milk, fresh produce and other items in our walk-in cooler and freezer so do not hesitate to donate cold/frozen foods.) Personal care items are always needed as well such as: Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Disposable razors, Maxi-pads, and Diapers.

**Clothing Closet Needs:** Men's & boys new or gently used athletic shoes, new & gently used bath towels, new & gently used sock of all sizes, new underwear of all sizes, blankets, men's work gloves, men's jeans size 30-32" waist.

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Associate Reformed Synod

1790 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, North Carolina

For the Glory of God, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church exists to produce fruit for God's kingdom by rooting people in God's word, growing them in their faith, and helping them branch out with the gospel in their homes, communities, and the world so that all may know that Jesus is Lord.

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