



March Newsletter 2026

Greetings Members and Friends,

The month of March is known for many things. First of all, it is named after the Roman god of war, Mars. Also, long ago it was the first month of the year as it was when Spring began and when military campaigns resumed after the season of winter. March is also known for some other unique things like the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, which begins March 8th. Also, March 13 is “National Earmuff Day”. March 17th is of course, St Patrick’s Day. For the church however, the month of March is typically known for the beginning of the season of Lent. In fact, “Lent” means Spring and just as the season of Spring creates renewal and rebirth in nature, Lent represents spiritual renewal rebirth in us. Therefore, as we enjoy the season of Spring with warmer weather and the renewal of natural life, let us draw closer to God and enjoy a season of Spiritual renewal as well. In fact, we read from Jeremiah 17:7-8 “But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.”

This reminds us how blessed we are now and how blessed we can be as we trust in God and walk with God throughout our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

The Presby

March 2026

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SESSION DIGEST

Session Digest for March Newsletter from February 8, 2026 Meeting

Session Membership

Class of 2026

Judy Crouse

Chuck Lacy

Charlie Madden

Kat McCoy

Class of 2027

Chris DiYorio

Jim Gearhart

Gail Kendrick

Emily Sword

Clerk of Session April DiYorio

Calendar of Events -

3/6 - World Day of Prayer

3/8 - Daylight Savings time begins

3/17 - St. Patrick's Day

3/17 - Soup and the Word @WPC

3/22 - Stated Session Meeting

3/29 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Pastoral Concern prayer list;

Ron Blevins, Tony Cannoy, Vaughn Cassell, Shirley Cavender, Kathleen Crockett, Terry Dean, Colleen Dunford, Chimer Durham, Marion Griffin, Pastor John Langham, Bebe Martel, Stan Martin, Bill and Susan Pollard, Dorothy Repass, Susan Thigpen, Tommy Vaught, Jim Willis, and Ernie Williams.

Items approved by Session

1 - Emily Sword will be the Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2026 with Jim Gearhart as her alternate.

2 - Jim Gearhart was elected to be Assistant Clerk for 2026

3 - The Annual Statistical Report was reviewed and approved.

4 - The 2026 Communion Schedule was approved to be observed on Maundy Thursday and the first Sunday of each quarter.

5 - The annual review of the Church's Financial Records by Zella Dillon was received, reviewed, and accepted.

6 - The Stewardship Theme and Fall Campaign Schedule were approved.

2026 Stewardship Theme - 1 John 3:18 - "Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth".

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Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings:

Circle 1 will meet on **Monday, March 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Just a quick reminder to bring a sandwich and join for lunch.

Circle 3 will meet on **Monday, March 2nd** , at **7:00 p.m.**, in the **Fellowship Hall**.

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Sunday School News:

The Don Wysor Adult Sunday School Class is meeting each Sunday at 9:45AM in the Children's Classroom across from the Choir Room.

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Events:

SOUP and THE WORD Services are scheduled each Tuesday, beginning at noon, throughout the month of March:

Tuesday, March 3rd the host will be West End Methodist Church

Tuesday, March 10th the host will be Mt. Pleasant UMC

Tuesday, March 17th the host will be Wytheville Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, March 24th the host will be St. John's Episcopal Church

Tuesday, March 31st the final host for 2026 will be St. Paul UMC

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Monthly Meetings:

Monday, March 2 nd :	Circle 1, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 2 nd :	Circle 3, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 10 th :	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17 th :	Worship Committee, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 17 th :	Church Growth Committee, 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 22 nd :	Session Meets following Worship

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5- Cents a Meal:



Please remember the **5 Cents-A-Meal offering on Sunday, March 15th** . You may bring it to the church or mail it in with your pledge. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your convenience. Please make a separate check and notate on the memo line. Many thanks for your giving.

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Cove Service:

The **Cove Service** will be suspended throughout the winter months, but will return again on **Sunday, April 19th** . **Please plan to join us in the Spring, every 3rd Sunday at 7:30 p.m.!**

Invite friends and family to join us for an evening of fellowship, hymn singing, and an inspirational message within the walls of one of Wythe County's most historic remaining "rural churches". Hope to see you there!

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Hope Packs:

HOPE Packs assembly has resumed. WPC has chosen the 4th Wednesday of each month to assemble HOPE PACKS at OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY, located at 680 W Main Street, Wytheville, beginning at 5:00 p.m. for Wythe and Bland County Schools. The program is designed to combat hunger during weekends for the students who may not have access to sufficient food. HOPE PACKS assembly takes only about an hour of your time, one day per month. **The next WPC assembly is Wednesday, March 25th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** So please consider helping with this simple task that may help to change the life of one or more of our children. Hope to see you there!

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Stewardship Message:

COMPASSION FOR THE POOR

Dr. Mary Blair from Baltimore, Maryland wrote this article about Compassion for the Poor. Does it bother you to see a person holding a sign that asks for help? Are they really down and out? Will they spend it on drink? Do they deserve my charitable dollar? Driving can become an occasion for moral judgment or for shutting off feelings. The presence of obvious poverty can stir us. We would like to know that a gesture of generosity might make some difference, even for thirty minutes to help our conscience. Our gift is not a solution, only a modest Band-Aid. Pope Francis once explained his outreach to the poor. He well knew he was not altering circumstances but his purpose remained steady. What makes our life different from the needy person's? He suggested the major reason is luck. You were born into a place you could prosper; the other was not. Perhaps bad choices were made, but the key acknowledgement on your part is that you do not "deserve" your circumstances any more than the homeless "deserve" theirs. Pope Francis suggested that if you give, the most important thing is to acknowledge the other person's humanity. They too are a child of God. Look them in the eye as you give. Say something that wishes them well. The perceptible change will be in your own heart, not theirs. Your dollar acknowledges that you have a fullness in your own life, more than you deserve. Live the fullness well and honorably. Your response to your gift is to say "thank you"—not to them, but for what you have been given. May our compassion for an unfortunate reveal our sincere gratitude for what we do not deserve. May this be a reminder that we did not deserve that Jesus died on the cross for us either, but God has blessed us, so may we respond to this blessing in our worship through giving.

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Newsletter & Office Information: Please submit your information for the **April 2026 Newsletter** to the church office by **Monday, March 23rd**. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 nd Sunday in Lent Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service	2 Circle 1, 11am Circle 3, 7pm	3 Soup and The Word, West End Methodist	4	5 Happy Birthday! Beth Pulliam & Kathy McAllister	6 World Day Of Prayer	7
8 3 rd Sunday in Lent Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10 Finance Comm. 4:00pm, Session Room Soup and the Word, Mt Pleasant UMC	11	12	13	14
15 4 th Sunday in Lent Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11 A.M. Worship Service 5-Cents-A- Meal offering	16 Happy Birthday! Jacob McCoy	17 St Patrick's Day Worship Comm 10:00am Church Growth 4:00 F.H. Soup and The Word, WPC	18	19	20	21 Happy Birthday! Megan Lacy Duvall
22 5 th Sunday in Lent Adult Sunday School 9:45 11 A.M. Worship Service SESSION MEETING .	23	24 Soup and The Word, St John's Episcopal Church	25 HOPE PACKS 5pm	26 Happy Birthday! Solomon Moore	27 Happy Birthday! Robert Kendrick	28
29 Palm/Passion Sunday Holy Week Begins Adult Sunday School 9:45am 11A.M. Worship Service	30 Monday of Holy Week Happy Birthday! Jeannie Moore	31 Tuesday of Holy Week Soup and The Word, St. Paul UMC				