

March 2017

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME REMINDER:**

Please don't forget to
"spring" clocks for-
ward before going to
bed on Saturday
night, March 12!

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Pear Orchard News

Steadfast Make My Willing Heart

POPC Women's Retreat

March 31 - April 1, 2017

POPC Multi-Purpose Building

\$30 - 3 meals, 3 speakers, 3 small group times

Registration also available online at www.pearorchard.org

Dear Family in Christ,

On March 6, 2016, nearly one year ago, our body of Christ lost a Christian warrior and friend in Mr. Jack Laws. Jack and his wife, Janice, were instrumental members of our congregation from its earliest days. One of our great ministries, Christ Covenant School, was one to which their hearts and labors and resources were deeply committed. Every CCS student - past, present, and future is the beneficiary of their Kingdom vision!

As an expression of our gratitude, the Christ Covenant School Board of Trustees and the officers of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church have approved the building of an **Outdoor Pavilion** in memory and in celebration of Jack's eternal impact through his earthly investments in ministries such as those at Christ Covenant School. The Pavilion will be built in the green space adjacent to the Educational Garden and Football Field.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MARCH:

- 3/7 - 9:45 a.m. - *Lydia* Circle - Parlor
- 3/13 - 5:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 3/14 - 10:00 a.m. - *Tabitha* Circle - home of Mary Frances Smith
- 3/14 - 6:30 p.m. - *Ruth* Circle - home of Maggie Ethridge
- 3/13 -17 - Spring Break
- 3/20 - 6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 3/31- 4/1 - POPC Women's Retreat

USHERS FOR MARCH

EARLY SERVICE - 8:30 a.m.

Walt Lucas
James Clark
Rusty Clark
Duke Kimbrough
John Perritt
Charlie Upton

LATE SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.

Thomas Maley
Tom Milam (William/Thomas)
Bruce Payne
Parker Reece
Billy White
Will White

1/31 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Through January, actual general fund contributions were \$5,092 more than budgeted general fund contributions. Actual total expenses were \$8,544 less than budgeted total expenses, and actual net loss was \$13,625 less than the budgeted net loss. Here are the details:

	One Month Ended 1/31/17		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund Contributions	116,158	111,066	5,092
Reimbursement from CCS	20,182	20,182	0
Reimbursement from Missions	15,333	15,333	0
Other	256	267	(11)
Total Revenues	151,929	146,848	5,081
Staff Expense	89,704	91,030	(1,326)
General Expense	12,420	12,983	(563)
Building Expense	31,990	39,139	(7,149)
Ministries Expense	6,561	6,576	(15)
Benevolence Expense	13,283	12,774	509
Total Expenses	153,958	162,502	(8,544)
Net Income (Loss)	(2,029)	(15,654)	13,625

Sanctuary Bldg Fund Receipts 11,460

Education Bldg Loan Payable 660,656
Sanctuary Renov. Costs Payable 154,144

Reserve Fund Balance 159,239
Reserve Fund Requirement 159,239
Reserve Fund Excess (Deficit) 0

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CCS has already received memorials totaling more than 60% of the funds needed for this project. Your elders and Pastors wanted our congregation to know of this project to God's praise, and Jack's honor, and to give you an opportunity to make a gift to help supply the balance of the funds needed. It is our hope to have this completed by the end of the summer. If you would like to participate with a designated gift to the Pavilion project, please mail a gift to the church, add a gift to your Lord's Day tithe or use our electronic giving on the church website. Please designate your gift for "Jack Laws' Pavilion Project".

We are pleased to let you know of this opportunity which will benefit church and school for decades to come.

Gratefully yours,
The Church Officers

MMO REGISTRATION

Mother's Morning Out registration for Pear Orchard church families begins March 15. This is for our Summer Session, June 6 - July 14 and the 2017-18 school year. For more information, contact Mary Lou ([601-206-9147](tel:601-206-9147)) or email marylou@pearorchard.org. Registration forms are available online www.pearorchard.org or from Mary Lou. Registration opens to the public on April 1.

POPC FACEBOOK:

If you have "liked" us on Facebook (Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church), we encourage you to like, comment, or share our status updates. This will help us get the word out with reminders about upcoming ministries and events, as well as increase the likelihood that our status updates will appear in your newsfeed.

POPC YOUTH MINISTRY

Against the Flow: ATF will be March 24-26 at Twin Lakes for Jr. and Sr. High youth. Ande Johnson, RUF campus minister at LSU, will be the weekend speaker. The total \$120 payment is due Wednesday, March 1.

SPRING BREAK

Jr. High Movie Night: All Jr. High students are invited to a movie night on Sunday, March 12 after evening worship in the Refuge. The youth staff will provide pizza. Bring a bag of candy to share as your entrance fee! We will announce the movie and exact pick up time when we get closer to the event.

Sr. High guys: All Sr. High guys are invited to the spring break camping trip on March 13-14. Meet at the church at 9 a.m., and we will arrive back by 9 a.m. the next day. We will stop at Kroger to let everyone pick out their own food that they can cook over a fire. Bring however much money you think you'll need for dinner and breakfast. Bring bedding.

Sr. High girls: All Sr. High girls are invited to a slumber party March 16-17! We will stay at the Hyatt in the Renaissance and go see the premiere of *Beauty and the Beast* at Malco. Please bring a modest one-piece swimsuit. Total cost: \$60 (includes hotel, dinner, and movie).

POPC'S SONBEAMS MINISTRY is offering a Sonbeams Night Out for parents of special needs children and their siblings, as well as adults with special needs on Friday, March 3 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please call Nancy Hulsey at 601-898-0668 if you would like to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE ! JULY 17-21, 2017

POPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EASTER CHOIR HAS BEGUN

It is not too late to join the choir as we prepare music for our Maundy Thursday (April 13) and Easter Sunday (April 16). Please join us in the choir room on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Together as we prepare the music, our hearts are also prepared to meditate on the suffering of the Savior on our behalf and his supreme victory and reign as our eternal King.

Questions? Please contact Margaret Sprow at margaret@pearorchard.org

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 5

James & Daphne Clark	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Peter Clark	8:15	2's helper
Kevin & Emily Wright	8:15	4 yrs
Amanda Green	8:15	Crawlers
Anna Clark	8:15	Cruisers
Ryan Green	8:15	Toddlers
Kathy Beard	9:50	Infants
Kathryn Long	9:50	Crawlers
John Long	9:50	Cruisers
Herman Beard	9:50	Toddlers
Jeanne Russ	10:45	Infants
Rod Russ	10:45	Crawlers
James Beard	10:45	Cruisers
Jacob Beard	10:45	Toddlers
Bobby & Sara Bullock	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Anna Grace Randall	10:45	2's helper
Allan & Heatherly Edgar	10:45	4 yrs

March 12

Phil & Maggie Ethridge	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
John Charles Kwasny	8:15	2's helper
Ron & Laura McMaster	8:15	4 yrs
Cindy Crutcher	8:15	Crawlers
Patsy Holeman	8:15	Cruisers
Pepper Crutcher	8:15	Toddlers
Elizabeth Cangelosi	9:50	Infants
Kris Swenson	9:50	Crawlers
Giselle Hansbrough	9:50	Cruisers
Jerry Swenson	9:50	Toddlers
Wendy Herring	10:45	Infants
Bonita Murphy	10:45	Crawlers
Lee Herring	10:45	Cruisers
Nancy Hulsey	10:45	Toddlers
Will & Haley Morgan	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Mary Kate Shearer	10:45	2's helper
Matt & Ginny Futvoye	10:45	4 yrs

March 19

Mark & Amy Brown	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Kathryn Kwasny	8:15	2's helper
Adam & Megan Adcock	8:15	4 yrs
Tammie Haynes	8:15	Crawlers
Anna Lee	8:15	Cruisers
Ken Haynes	8:15	Toddlers
Melissa Borden	9:50	Crawlers
Clay Walden	9:50	Cruisers
Ashleigh Perritt	9:50	Infants
Daniel Borden	9:50	Toddlers
Joy Lurate	10:45	Infants
Susan Kerr	10:45	Crawlers
Bryan Kerr	10:45	Cruisers
Will Lurate	10:45	Toddlers
Harper & Gini Maddox	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Daniel Kerr	10:45	2's helper
Jeff & Mary Shelton Gamblin	10:45	4 yrs

March 26

Brad & Maggie Ingram	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Mary Grace Kelley	8:15	2's helper
Barry & Suzanne Kelley	8:15	4 yrs
Jenny Atkins	8:15	Crawlers
Katie Ann Long	8:15	Cruisers
Lee Atkins	8:15	Toddlers
Cathy Haynie	9:50	Infants
Jan Johnson	9:50	Crawlers
Jack Haynie	9:50	Cruisers
Michelle Johnson	9:50	Toddlers
Carol Matheny	9:50	Infants
Sara Franklin	10:45	Crawlers
Andrew Beard	10:45	Cruisers
Clark Beard	10:45	Toddlers
Tony & Gretchen Franklin	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Caleb Franklin	10:45	2's helper
Ben & Rebekah Mitchell	10:45	4 yrs

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March Birthdays

Sam Shearer	3/1	Grazyna Rajkowska	3/15
Jillian Perritt	3/1	Justin Matheny	3/16
Elliott Bickerstaff	3/2	Tommy Payne	3/17
Jonathan Werne	3/2	Rod Russ, III	3/18
Meredith Johnson	3/2	Kathy Beard	3/18
Wes Hulsey	3/2	Russ Upton	3/19
Kate Cunningham	3/3	Sloan Warrington	3/19
Emily Cunningham	3/3	Alyson Swalley	3/19
Jody Parham	3/3	Rob Waltzer	3/19
Jeanne Russ	3/4	Sparks Grenfell	3/20
Jean Powers	3/5	Terri Wells	3/20
Mary Glover	3/5	Martie Kwasny	3/20
Emily Wright	3/5	Tracy Wimberley	3/20
Susannah Walden	3/5	Mathias Lamar	3/21
Debbie Kimbrough	3/6	Joe Stradinger	3/22
Christopher Brantley	3/6	Lewis Todd	3/23
Lee Atkins	3/6	Meg Branning	3/23
Chad Johnson	3/7	Dusty Holean	3/23
Jeremiah Kelley	3/7	Brad Hatchett	3/23
Ann Carter	3/8	Daisy Collins	3/25
Dick Noel	3/8	Wendy Herring	3/25
Susie Cook	3/8	Noah Smith	3/25
Joe Austin	3/8	Billye Dallas	3/26
Josh Franklin	3/8	Benjamin Gamblin	3/26
Edwin Lewis	3/10	Elizabeth Spell	3/26
Joseph Creel	3/11	Shirley Grace	3/28
Livie McMaster	3/11	Andy Haynes	3/28
Dianne Trautzsch	3/12	Marybrett Green	3/28
Abby Box	3/13	Peter Primos	3/29
Cheri Creel	3/13	Michael Taylor	3/29
Laura Box	3/13	Stacy Maris	3/29
Kacky Darnall	3/13	McKee Sones	3/31
Seth Winchester	3/14		
Carl Kalberkamp	3/15		

LADIES' MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES

Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. Martie Kwasny will be sharing about her ministry with Joni & Friends. *Tabitha* Circle will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Mary Frances Smith (104 Sandalwood Dr., Madison; 601-898-3523). *Ruth* Circle will meet Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Maggie Ethridge (701 Madeira Court, Madison; 601-668-5812). Please contact Amy Hatchett (601-832-4041; amy@hatchettfamily.com) for directions.

PERU MISSION TRIP:

If you are interested in going on the Peru mission trip June 16-24, please let Ford Franklin know by March 12. You may contact him at jfordfranklin@gmail.com.