

Grace Presbyterian News

April 2019

Tuesday at the Cross – April 2 and 9 at 5:30 p.m.

It is appropriate during Lent to take on an added spiritual discipline, and one way to do that this Lent is to join in our Tuesday at the Cross devotional series. Our final two sessions of Tuesday at the Cross will be at 5:30 p.m., (April 2 and 9). This half hour service includes prayer, scripture reading, silent meditation and a brief reflection from Pastor Mike Krech on ways of looking at who Jesus was and is.

**Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m., at
First Presbyterian Somerville**

Birthday Celebration for Ken Hathaway – after worship April 7

A luncheon celebration for Ken Hathaway's 90th birthday will be held Sunday, April 7, following worship. We thank Ken's children for providing the barbecue and cake. Church members are welcome to bring side dishes.

Don McKim on Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Don McKim speaks on Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. at Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter Road.

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in April (Lesson 8 in the Book)

The Night Circle meets Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

The Get Up and Go Bunch – Wednesday, April 10

The newly formed Get Up and Go Bunch activity for April will be to attend the Lenten series and lunch at Calvary Episcopal Church on Wednesday, April 10th. For those who want to carpool from the church, please meet at 10:00 a.m. The lunch starts at 11:00 and then we will hear a message from the newly elected bishop of the Episcopal diocese. Please let Ruth Ellen know if you plan to carpool so she will know how many cars are needed. You may call her at 330-9254 or email at: rcox21@bellsouth.net.

Palm Cross Making Pot Luck – Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m.

Many of us have come to enjoy and benefit spiritually from the palm cross making pot luck on the night before Palm Sunday. It is good to eat together and then to shape the palm fronds into the form of a cross. These are then given to and worn by worshippers on Palm Sunday. We start the meal at 6:00 p.m. in order to have more time for the palm cross making.

Holy Week Events – Palm Sunday, April 14, through Easter Day, April 21

Easter is Sunday, April 21, 2019, and the week preceding it is properly known as Holy Week. ("Easter Week" is the week which begins on Easter Day.) Holy Week is holy because of the events in the life of Jesus that are pivotal for our faith in him as Lord and Savior. The Palm Sunday "parade," the Triumphal Entry, finds Jesus entering Jerusalem to the shouts of people who may or may not have known all they were saying in hailing him as Son of David. On Maundy Thursday, betrayal is on the mind of Judas Iscariot, and Peter dissolves into tears when he denies Jesus. Faithful women stand at the cross on Good Friday, to witness the death of their teacher, healer and Lord, the Savior of the world. Some of those same women make the early Sunday morning journey to the tomb, but, finding it empty, hear from a heavenly messenger that Christ is risen. These women then have the first evangelical burden – to tell a doubtful world the good news that sin is conquered and death has died. We re-live these events through worship, Word, Sacrament, music, and holy fellowship with one another. I hope that you will make it a priority to attend and actively participate in the events of Holy Week and Easter.

Holy Week Events (continued)

On Palm Sunday, April 14, we sing “All Glory, Laud and Honor” to the Jesus who comes to save us from sin (though not in the way we might have imagined.) The service on this day concludes with the responsive reading of the Passion Narrative.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we gather at 6:30 p.m. for a meal of sacrificial soup. At about 7:30 p.m. following our simple meal, we worship as though in the Upper Room, with choral anthems, congregational hymns, Scripture, sermon, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, as well as some of the historic liturgy for Holy Week and concluding with the “stripping of the church,” in which we remove the paraments and other objects normally used in worship, so that Good Friday finds the sacred space bare.

On Good Friday, April 19, the beloved service of Tenebrae is held in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. This simple but powerful service of Scripture, music, and the extinguishing of candles, is a church liturgy of long standing, which helps put us in mind of the depth of God’s love for us in Christ.

On Easter morning, April 21, the Bartlett-Ellendale association of churches will hold a sunrise service at 7:00 a.m., at Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3427 Appling Road. Walter Peggs of Fullview Missionary Baptist Church will be the preacher.

At our 11:00 service, on Easter morning, April 21, we praise, pray, preach and proclaim the joy of the resurrection in worship. A fellowship lunch and a “mini” egg hunt follow worship.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Children up through 5th grade are invited to hunt for eggs. Families are invited to stay for a light lunch after the egg hunt. We are inviting our daycare children. This year, we will be hiding empty plastic eggs and the children will be able to trade their eggs in for a goodie bag of candy and prizes. Please help by donating candy and small prizes. There is a donation box in the hallway as well as sign-up sheets for donations for lunch and egg hunt duties.

We will sort eggs and make candy goodie bags at our Palm Cross Making Potluck on Saturday, April 13th at 6:00pm. We will also have a small egg hunt after potluck on Easter Sunday, April 21st. If you have any questions please contact Cristaldawn.

Game Night – Friday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Because of hosting Trivia Night, our monthly Game Night will be Friday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Outing – Saturday, April 27

Save the Date for the evening of Saturday, April 27th for a Young Adult Outing. Actual time and activity is TBD, but we'll definitely be having food and fun. A nursery is provided.

Great Christian Hymnwriters – A Sunday Morning Study Series Begins April 28

Drs. LindaJo and Don McKim will lead a 5 week study on great Christian hymnwriters, at 9:45 a.m., starting Sunday, April 28 for five Sundays. We are always grateful when the McKims lead us in these series

Weekly Events at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday Prayer and Praise begins at 9:30 a.m. We sing and pray by name for those on the prayer list

Sunday School, for all ages beings at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bell choir rehearsal is held most Sundays after worship at about 12:00 noon.

Chapel for the Extended Care is held on Mondays at 4:15 p.m.

Choir rehearsals are held in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

GrandPals read to children in the preschool on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Mustard Seed program for children in the day school meets on Fridays at 4:15 p.m.

Visitors in Worship who signed the register in March 2019

Bill Britton; Braylen Campbell; Sierra Fry; Nadiyah Gibbs; Helaine Hardaway; Susie & Al Hayes; Sandra Hurley; Roseann & Dan Mayo; Shawn McGoldrick; Larry, Connie & Noah, Altoona IA; Roselle Revelle; Jerome Schlichte; Ryan, Margaret & Jackson Tolbert, Mt. Juliet, TN; Roger & Ann Wade; Steve White

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:15p Chapel for Extended Care <i>Judy Rutkauskas</i>	2 5:30p Tuesday at the Cross <i>Grace Lawson</i>	3 <i>Sierra Fry</i>	4 7:00p Bartlett Chorus Rehearsal <i>Josie Benassi</i>	5 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15pm Mustard Seed	6 9:30 am Presbyterial PW Spring Gathering, Somerville
7 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Fifth Sunday in Lent 12:00 BBQ & cake Ken Hathaway birthday celebration	8 4:15p Chapel for Extended Care 7:00 pm PW Night Circle <i>Jean Markham</i>	9 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle 5:30p Tuesday at the Cross	10 10:00a Get Up and Go Bunch carpool to Calvary lunch & preaching	11 7:00p Bartlett Chorus Rehearsal	12 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15pm Mustard Seed <i>Brooks Keiser</i>	13 6:00 pm Palm Cross Making Pot Luck Meal
14 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion	15 4:15p Chapel for Extended Care 5:30 pm Session Mtg	16 7:00p Bartlett Chorus Rehearsal <i>Chuck Walker</i>	17 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Soup Dinner 7:30 Worship/ Communion	19 Good Friday 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service <i>Greg Elmore</i>	20 11:00 am Egg Hunt
21 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool 11:00 Worship/ Easter Day Dinner, egg hunt, pictures following	22 4:15p Chapel for Extended Care .	23 <i>Jere Lawson</i>	24	25 7:00p Bartlett Chorus Rehearsal <i>Linda Hunter</i>	26 11:00 am GrandPals read to pre- schoolers 4:15pm Mustard Seed 6:30 p.m. Game Night	27 Young Adult Gathering
28 9:30Prayer&Praise 9:45SundaySchool Including Great Hymnwriters Class/McKims 11:00 Worship/ Easter 2 <i>Bill McGoldrick</i>	29	30 <i>Kris Benassi</i>				

Elders Serving Communion

April 18 (Maundy Thursday):

**Ruth Ellen Cox, Rosemary Gordon,
Bob Harrold, Ken Hathaway, Emily Mayne**

Usher Schedule

April 7 & 14: John Price & TBA

April 18: Sandy Kehrlie & John Price

April 19: Hugh Bishop & Elizabeth Velazquez

April 21 & 28: Bob Harrold & Scott Hunter

Lectors

April 7: Becky Stirling

April 14: Janet Vawter

April 21: Bob Harrold

April 28: Bob Gammon

Closing Elder

April 7: Elizabeth Velazquez

April 14: Kevin Bopp

April 21: Anna Tate

April 28: Ruth Ellen Cox

Scripture Readings for Worship:

April 7: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

April 14: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 24
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40; 22:39-23:56

April 18 (Maundy Thursday):

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31-35

April 21: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

April 28: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

A Prayer for Easter

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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