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## **Celebrating Holy Week**

*We have spent the season of Lent seeking. We have spent time in reflection, asking honest questions for a deeper faith. Together, with scripture and each other, we have wondered: Who will I listen to? How do we begin again?*

*Will you give me a drink? Who sinned? Can these bones live?*

*We seek answers, guidance, Jesus. I pray that your Lent has been revealing, and that Holy Week will hold deep meaning for you. +Pastor Kate*

### **Palm/Passion Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30**

*Matthew 21: 1–11*

We ask: “Where are you headed?” We celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with a procession of palms into the sanctuary. We shout “HOSANNA!”, and then turn with him to face the cross, where he gave his life for us and our salvation.

~ *Palms available for all. Communion will be celebrated.*

***The rest of Holy Week – the week leading up to Easter— is a time to reflect on the whirlwind of events in Jesus’ last days, and their lasting meaning for our lives.***

~ Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. - Our final Bible Study of Lent. No prep necessary.

~ Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at Dayton Market - final Book Study Gathering, discussing chapters 11-13 of Jesus is the Question.

### **Maundy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

*John 13: 1–17, 31–35*

We ask: “Will you wash my feet?” “Maundy” means “commandment”. On this night we keep the feast that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night of his arrest, and we remember his new commandment to love one another even as he has loved us.

~ *We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal (provided) and worship around the table. Communion and foot washing will be offered.*

### **Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon, Walk with the Cross**

*Matthew 27: 27–50*

We ask: “Why have you forsaken me?” This afternoon we turn to the cross, to bear witness to the tragedy of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross where He gave his life for us and our salvation.

~ *We will join with our Christian neighbors in a procession of the cross, with readings and prayer. It begins on our front porch.*

### **Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunrise at 7:00; Worship at 10:30**

*John 20: 1–18*

We ask: “Who are you looking for?” On Resurrection Sunday we gather at the tomb ... only to discover that the stone is rolled away, and the grave is empty. We celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen!

~ *Sunrise Service at the Glendye’s is an informal outdoor gathering of Word and prayer, fellowship and a mini-breakfast. Begins at 7 AM (directions on page 2)*

~ *Sanctuary worship begins at 10:30. All are encouraged to bring flowers (wild or otherwise) to “flower” the cross as a symbol of God’s power over death.*

~ *An Egg Hunt will be held after worship. Baskets provided! Hiders & Hunters needed. If you want to donate candy, leave these in the fellowship hall.*

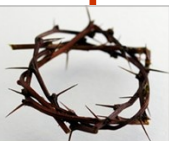
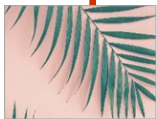
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Next Session meeting is Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

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Transitional Pastor:

Rev.  
**Kate Rascoe**



## Spiritual Life

Please invite family, friends and neighbors to our Holy Week special events and worship opportunities, April 2—9:

**Palm Sunday** is the Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The worship service will include Communion served by intinction.

**Maundy Thursday** commemorates the Last Supper and is often observed with foot washing. Come at 6:00 p.m. to the Fellowship Hall. The Committee is providing the meal.

**Good Friday** is the most solemn day of the church year. We encourage you and your family to take time to reflect on the symbols and significance of the crucifixion. We suggest reading the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> chapters of the Gospel of John and joining the community Walk with the Cross that starts at Noon.

**Easter Resurrection Celebrations** begin with Sunrise (7 AM) at the home of Betsy & Tommy Glendye. A mini breakfast will be followed by a short service. At 10:30 AM we will worship with music, scripture, sermon, prayers and, of course, our Flower Cross!

**Hallelujah! Christ has risen!**

*Directions to Glendyes' (*

*Some little birds asked me to share how much they appreciate the flowers and musical offerings each Sunday. The richness of Creation is felt in each bloom because of the loving hands that arrange them. The presence of God is felt in each note because of the joyful hearts that sing and play. The congregation is very grateful!*

*"For now the winter is past ...  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land"*

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 nrsv



## Member Care



**Sign Easter Greetings for our out-of-town members!**

Find them in the Fellowship Hall. Be a part of this simple and heart-warming ministry. (Note: 2 more were added after March 26, so, if you signed that day, you'll want to visit the table again to write on the new ones. Please sign by April 2<sup>nd</sup>). If you'd like to become a card ministry coordinator, talk to Jyl Gamble or Pastor Kate!



**A note from Nancy Dagen:** *"Our family would like to thank all of you for the many cards, phone calls, prayers, visits and kind words during and since Sam's illness and death. We love and appreciate being part of this congregation."*



**Congratulations Nick & Hannah Leigh-Brown**

on the birth of your son,  
**James Belin Leigh-Brown**

James is the little brother of Maggie and the grandson of Karen & Tom Leigh.

Mission & Outreach



**Goodies for BC Students during exams:**

Seeking individually wrapped treats or sandwich bags with homemade goodies to be distributed, with smiles, to students on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you want to tag along with Pastor Kate, contact her. She has the parking pass!

“There is no end to books, and too much study will wear you out.”

Ecclesiastes 12:12 CEV

**One Great Hour of Sharing - Easter Sunday, April 9:**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People are the three programs that receive this special offering of the PCUSA. They all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



***THANK YOU!***

We deeply appreciate everyone’s support of the Indoor Yard Sale on March 4<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Youth Event Fund. We raised \$1,357.67! Special thanks to Dana Eichlin, Jon DeVier-Scott, Emily Heatwole, Phoenix Johnson, and Emory Johnson. -Brett

Thank you SO much for your positive response for our meal for Open Doors! Your tremendous outpouring of love is amazing - but not surprising. -Mary Kay

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

*Giving our Little Free Libraries some tender loving care*

This happened Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> — Emory Johnson, Keilan Kiracofe, Blaze Johnson, and Phoenix Johnson met to spruce up two of our Little Free Libraries. We worked on clearing out old books and selecting new ones; making bookmarks; thinking up library jokes; and brainstorming about future painting and projects.



**Would you or your child or grandchild be interested in helping with our church’s three Little Free Libraries?**

We plan on meeting once a month for about an hour, do an activity, think of some ideas, enjoy a treat, and of course invite a friend! Activities might include organizing, stocking, cleaning, painting, repairing - whatever the group decides.



If interested, contact MJ Chewning () or Sally in the church office. **The more the merrier!**





## Birthdays

Andrew DeVier-Scott  
 Elizabeth Engleking  
 Evie Enterline  
 Ardyn Armstrong  
 Phoenix Johnson  
 Joe Crockett  
 Jon DeVier-Scott  
 Kate Rascoe  
 Ashton Jordan  
 Andrew Hartzler  
 Vern Fairchilds, Jr.  
 Pam Bailey  
 Clay Mizell  
 Jim Enterline  
 Annaliese Grove  
 Brian Edwards  
 Lydia Heatwole  
 Carly Edwards  
 Madelyn Fields  
 Maggie Leigh-Brown

## Anniversaries

5 Steve & Pat Humphreys (')  
 10 Bill & Jyl Gamble (')  
 21 Bill & Bev Carver (')  
 23 Jim & Alison McElroy (')

## The Book Group

meets **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM at the home of Beth Smith to discuss **"The Personal Librarian"** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It tells of the lifework of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal librarian to J. P. Morgan and the first director of the Morgan Library & Museum. The novel follows her as she establishes herself in high society while disguising her true identity as a person of color in the early twentieth century.



## Men Meet for Breakfast

All males are invited to breakfast at Bob-a-Rea's on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of each month at 8:30 a.m.

All ages and guests are welcome. Our next date: **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

If you need a ride, or can provide one, contact Carroll Chewning

## VPAS Café in Bridgewater

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month  
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Houff Community Center at Bridgewater Retirement Comm. (Blue Ridge Room)

**Who:** anyone age 60+

**What:** programs, lunch and exercise; do all or some *New programs each month.*

**Registration is required:** Call VPAS at 540-615-5341 and check online at [www.vpas.info/calendar](http://www.vpas.info/calendar)



## Our Building as a Blessing

A reminder that two groups & one member use our building during the week:

- **TOPS** meets every Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and

- **Friends Café** gathers for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Ginny Joseph.

- **Katie McElroy** gives piano lessons on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:00.



## Backpacks

The fund is overflowing thanks to your generous donations in memory of Sam Dagen. What a wonderful tribute! Thank you!



Meet at Smiley's Ice Cream Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

To share flowers, sign the poster on the kiosk or contact the church office.

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Sunday AM

	Ushering and Greeting share duties with one at each door	Acolyte/ Bell Ringer	Lay Leader	Highlight / Flowers
2	Steve & Pat Humphreys	Emory	MJ Chewning	Palm Sunday / palms
9	Emily Heatwole & Merrill Simon	Phoenix	Carroll Chewning	Easter Sunday / flower cross
16	Tommy & Betsy Glendye	Emory	Emily Heatwole	open
23	David & Judy Rees	Phoenix	Bev Carver	All Church Chat / open
30	Bev Carver & Gracie Florence	Emory	Jon DeVier-Scott	open

## Resource

### Finance Reports: prepared by Bev Carver, Disbursing Treasurer

<i>Account Balances</i> as of February 28, 2023	<i>Operating</i>	<i>Money Market</i>	<i>Payroll</i>	<i>Tax</i>	<i>Ed. Jones</i> (for stock gifts)
	\$40,250.96	\$56,577.27	\$1,922.02	\$2,315.23	\$17.90

Totals as of 2/28/2023	
Income	\$15,255.00
Expense	\$21,579.13
Difference	\$6,324.13 (deficit)

### Fund Balances as of February 28, 2023

- Youth Event Fund: \$4,793.26  
(monies reside in Money Market)
- Backpack Ministry Fund: \$127.49  
(monies reside in Operating Account)
- Memorial Fund: \$51,784.01  
(monies reside in Money Market)



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## Building & Grounds



**Thanking everyone** (in advance) for helping with the clean-up on March 30 & 31. **Applause to Emily Heatwole and Pam Bailey** for coordinating the event!

As you know - by God's design - grass grows all summer. You can help us maintain the trim look by volunteering to mow, and, occasionally, run a weed-eater! There is a sign-up poster on the kiosk. Questions? Contact Merrill Simon or Sally.



## Christian Education

ADULT Sunday School Schedule	
Date	Teaching
2	Carroll Chewning
9	No class
16	TBD
23	TBD
30	TBD

Still in "Jesus is the Question" book

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Resurrection stories


CHILDREN Sunday School Schedule	
Date	Leader & Aide
2	Emily Heatwole
9	Emily Heatwole
16	Needed
23	Judy Rees
30	Judy Rees

## Community

**The Shenandoah Choral Society**, directed by Curtis Nolley, presents *Come, Lovely Spring* featuring Duruflé's *Requiem* and songs and poetry of spring on Friday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m. at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for students and seniors and can be purchased at the door, at Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, at Friendly City Food Co-op, or online at [www.singshenandoah.org](http://www.singshenandoah.org). Bev Carver is in the group which is celebrating 52 years!



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" - Robin Williams

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>WORK DAYS NOON—3:00</b>		Feeding <b>1</b> Open Doors
<i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>2</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship  Holy Week.....	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>5</b> 6:00 Lenten Bible Study 7:00 Choir	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <b>6</b> 10:30 Book Study at Market 6:00 <b>Worship &amp; Meal</b>	Office <u>OPEN</u> <b>7</b> <i>Good Friday</i> <b>Noon Community Walk with the Cross</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Easter Day</i> <b>9</b> 7:00 Sunrise at Glendyes 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 <b>Worship</b> 11:30 <sup>ish</sup> <b>Egg Hunt</b> One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	<b>10</b> The church office is closed this day instead of Good Friday	<b>11</b> 11:30 a.m. Friends' Café 4:30 TOPS	<b>12</b> 7:00 Choir	 3:30 <b>13</b> meet at <i>Smiley's</i> 6:30 Spiritual Life	<b>14</b> Office closed	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM Men eat at Bob-a-Rea's
<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <b>16</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	Hand-out goodies at Bridgewater College <b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>19</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30 Session	<b>21</b> Office closed	<b>22</b>
<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <b>23</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 All Church Chat (see below!)	<b>24</b> 7:00 Book Group at Beth Smith's	<b>25</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>26</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Office closed	<b>29</b>
<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <b>30</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:30 TOPS	<b>3</b> 7:00 Choir	<i>National Day of Prayer</i> <b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Office closed	<b>6</b>



**April 23, after worship  
All Church Chat**

**Resources for a Pastoral Search  
with Keenan Rodgers, BOP Church Consultant**

Our BOP rep will be here to walk us through the finances and logistics of a pastoral search, and available resources.

Come with all your questions ready!



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