

## April Newsletter

The office is a buzz with activity today. Everyone is moving at full speed trying to make sure everything is in place for the weekend and for the big events this month.

Michelle is grabbing last minute items to finish preparing for the Youth Spring Retreat. Michelle, sixteen youth, and four adults will head out Friday and will return to Cary on Sunday afternoon. Norm Dion will be leading a three session Bible study that will speak into the youth's year-long focus on what it means to be "rooted" in faith. It should be a powerful weekend for them all.

On Saturday there is a Mother-Daughter GA event for fifteen participants that will be led by Jordan Bostic and Amanda Allard. This event will be centered on Ephesians 2:10 and the word that we are God's Masterpiece. I look forward to hearing good words about this wonderful mother-daughter faith experience

The big event for this weekend for Chris and seventeen members of our choir will take part in the premiere of Pepper Choplin's *The Body of Christ* on Sunday evening at the Meymandi Concert Hall at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. This grand choral event will feature a 240 voice choir and orchestra. I am so glad that our choir is a part of this special musical act of worship and witness. While we have sold all of our allotment of tickets, Chris was able to pick some additional tickets up and they will be on sale on Sunday morning. Tickets costs \$10.

When this weekend passes, we will dive in to the final preparation for our Holy Week worship services. This abbreviated newsletter provides all the details for our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter morning schedule. We also decided last night that we will go ahead with the Wednesday night dinner and Bible study on Holy Week. Our Bible study will focus on the "Voices of Distraction." While I love Christmas, I always find a special joy in celebrating Easter. Each year it invites me to take a fresh look at the breadth of God's love and the power of redemption. I hope you will find your way to as many of the Holy Week worship and study experiences that you can.

This newsletter also has a good word on our LLL luncheon event for Senior Adults this coming Tuesday. The food is always incredible, and the company is even better. Take a look at this month's topic. It speaks to an issue that reaches into the lives of many.

As always you will find the birthday and anniversary list that invites us to celebrate significant life markers with our friends and family.

Monday marks the close of my first six months as your pastor. There are moments when it seems like I just got here, and others where it seems that I have been with you for years. I thank God for this great church family, for how each of you have welcomed me and made me feel at home, and for how God is at work in our midst.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

### Placement Committee Areas of Interest Survey

Please take a moment and complete the Westwood Areas of Interest survey online.

Survey link is [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6m\\_H91jVLkyHmJFnbFksVweXQW7mqL1DjEEFQk0abodUNzZXWfVHOEdJuk5JSkpXTetERzYwr040Ni4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6m_H91jVLkyHmJFnbFksVweXQW7mqL1DjEEFQk0abodUNzZXWfVHOEdJuk5JSkpXTetERzYwr040Ni4u)

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This link is also available on the Church website and paper versions will be available this Sunday at a table in the foyer.

Your input is greatly appreciated and needed for us to connect members to areas within the Church and leverage their passion, gifts and talents.

### Easter Celebration Schedule

Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship Service

Wednesday, April 17 5:15 pm Fellowship Meal 6:30 pm Wednesday Reflections 7:40 Choir **(No Children or Youth Activities)**

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21 at 6:45 am Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 am Covered Dish Breakfast

Sunday, April 21 at 9:15 am Sunday School

Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 am Easter Morning Worship Service

### Senior Adult Luncheon-April 9th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish, enough to feed yourself and a couple of others as we hope for guests outside our church. Then invite your friends who enjoy great food and fellowship and plan to learn about how we can assist with those confronting dementia issues. Ms. Kacy Hall from the Dementia Alliance NC (formerly Alzheimer's NC) will be our guest and will share some ideas about how we can assist those who are dealing with dementia issues in lives of family members and friends. Ms. Hall will share information regarding the services that Dementia Alliance NC provides which includes family support groups, community education, public awareness and financial support for research dedicated to prevention, treatment & cure of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

## **Thank you from the Missions Committee**

The **Missions Committee** thanks you, church family, for all the clothes, shoes, cleaning supplies, paper goods and other items that you donated for the Roanoke Rapids Union Mission. Because of your generosity, on April 4, a trailer load of your donations was delivered to the Union Mission. Not only do these items provide inexpensive clothing for needy families, it also provides funds to buy food for the residents at the mission. The staff people are always excited to see paper products and cleaning supplies when unloading the trailer. These items are used at the Union Mission. Anytime that you are getting rid of clothes you don't need or you would like to donate paper products or cleaning supplies, you may bring your items to the mission storage closet behind the sanctuary for this worthy cause.

### **April Birthdays:**

1-Janet Horne	11-Beverly Stinson
1-Tommy Revelle	12-Lagray Wells
2-Paula Duke	17-Chris Bostic
2-Sally Goodwyn	17-Darrel Vuncannon
2-Keith Minster	19-Bettie Rabb
2-Alex Ware	20-Jim Baker
4-Harry Cleland	20-Clem Maynard
4-Michele Sawyer	21-Lea Hovis
5-Kinsey Leonard	24-Analise Gehrman
7-Becki Canterbury	25-Barbara McEntire
7-Karen Nolan	28-Harrison Duncan
8-Jean Harris	30-Herman Creech
8-Dorothy Shearin	30-Jim Straight
9-Jordan Bostic	
9-Maddie Hutto	
10-Hannah Anderson	
10-Noah Anderson	
11-Emmie Morrison	

### **April Anniversaries:**

5-Ed & Fran Tetlak

12-Patrick & Beth Donner

14-Ronnie & Eve Stephenson

20-Ken & Leta Ward

21-Randy & Carol Watts

23-Brian & Mandy Smith

24-Rob & Marcy McLain